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Jason Mathew, left, General Manager, Global IoT at Whirlpool Corp., on Tuesday shows students from the Arts & Communications Academy how some of the company's new apps work in the kitchen during a tour of the Whirlpool Research and Engineering building.

Technology at their fingertips

Benton Harbor students pitch mobile app projects for real-life problems

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Creating a mobile app from scratch is no easy task.

And yet, about a dozen students from the Arts & Communications Academy, Benton Harbor's middle school, did so Tuesday as part of a friendly computer science competition.

Hosted at Whirlpool Corp.'s Research and Development building in Benton Township, students revealed the culmination of months of work that began when they were introduced to the goIT program in October.

Antonio Fominaya, a solutions architect for Whirlpool, said the program is meant to remove a level of trepidation for students about getting into STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) professions.

Arts & Communications Academy students Kyra Lewis, 13, center, joins Willie Mathison, 13, and Alyssa Watters, 13, as they talk about their STP (Support the People) app Tuesday during a presentation at Whirlpool Corp.'s Research & Engineering Building.

"We worked with kids over several months to help them build an app that they themselves conceptualized, designed and eventually built," Fominaya said. "These apps help the kids realize that technology isn't scary and helps to bring them into the mindset that they can do anything they want."

The program is a byproduct of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), a company based out of India with a large footprint in the U.S.

Students start with basic concepts on what computer science is before moving on to understanding design thinking. After identifying a problem in the community, students are tasked with creating a mobile app to address the issue.

Prior to the competition, students were given a demonstration on how a Whirlpool smart kitchen works.

The demo included using the Yummy app to scan barcodes to identify food and asking a smart device to preheat the oven for a frozen pizza through the push of a button.

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BH tree removal needed ASAP

Work must be done before endangered bats return

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Even though almost $15 million in water and sewer work in Benton Harbor won't start until late August, more than 50 trees need to be removed before April 1 to protect two types of endangered or threatened bats.

"We have to (remove these trees) now because of the endangered bats that come back to the area after April 1," Tim Drews, vice president of Abonmarche, told city commissioners Monday.

He said that if the trees aren't cut down before April 1, they won't be allowed to be cut down until after Sept. 30.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lists the northern long-eared bat as threatened and the Indiana bat as endangered.

Drews said 134 trees need to be removed in all, but his firm identified 54 trees that will hold up the project if they don't get cut down now.

"The remainder will be cut down as part of the actual project," he said.

Drews said that after the trees are cut down, the stumps will be removed and the areas will be restored with top soil and grass seed. But new trees won't be planted until after the street work is done.

'We're coming up with plans right now for native tree replacements that will be not just one species, but multiple species that can be planted in the tree lawns to replace these trees and others that are missing along the corridor to enhance the corridor," he said.

Commissioners approved hiring Treeworks of Coopersville as the low bidder to remove the trees and restore the tree lawn for $34,620.

Drews said that the trees that are there will not survive the extensive work to be done.

"The project is going to include the removal of the streets, the removal of the sidewalks, storm sewer, sanitary and water main, and by the time you do that, you're basically from right-of-way to right-of-way and these trees are in the way," he said. "Some of these sewers are 25-feet deep."

The trees slated to be removed are on segments of Territorial Road, Benton Street and Stevens Street. Other streets to be worked on at a later date include segments of Pipestone, Maple and Wall streets, and of Highland and Vineyard avenues.

The project, expected to be completed in 2021, includes work to be done on the water tower on Britain Avenue.

Commissioners authorized the project in January after the city was approved to receive low-interest loans from two state programs – the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (DWRF) for the water projects and the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) for the sewer projects. The package includes $1.4 million in loan forgiveness.

In other business, commissioners approved hiring Steven H. Schwartz of Keller Thoma in Southfield as the city's labor attorney at the rate of $175 per hour if the work is done by an attorney and $165 if the work is done by an associate.

Commissioners also met in closed session to discuss a personnel matter concerning former City Manager Darwin Watson. After almost 40 minutes, they came back into open session and took no action.

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High water threatens July 3 fireworks

South Haven must decide soon whether to cancel or not

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — High water levels on Lake Michigan may cause South Haven's popular Light up the Lake fireworks display to fizzle this summer.

City Manager Brian Dissette confirmed this week that city officials are considering canceling the display, which occurs each year on July 3 as part of South Haven's Fourth of July holiday festivities.

"We are working with the fireworks vendor, the South Haven/Van Buren Convention and Visitors Bureau and the mayor to determine what our options are," Dissette said during Monday's city council meeting.

"The biggest issue we're facing is high water on the pier," Dissette continued. "You have to have a dry surface to shoot off fireworks."

South Haven's fireworks are launched off of the North Pier.

Last year, city officials nervously eyed the high water levels on Lake Michigan several days before the fireworks display was scheduled, wondering whether to cancel them or not.

"It was a couple of days prior that staff wasn't certain we'd be able to host the fireworks because of the high water levels that were hitting the North Pier," Dissette said. "This year the water is projected to be higher in July."

Dissette said he plans to meet Thursday with the Melrose Pyrotechnics, the fireworks vendor the city has contracted with over the years. "At this moment we are actively considering whether to host the fireworks on the pier," Dissette said. "If July is thought of as unrealistic, we're potentially looking at doing a short show on New Year's Eve."

City officials are meeting with Melrose on Thursday because it would be costly to sign a contract now and then cancel the fireworks in July.

"When a vendor drives a mile out of town (the evening of the fireworks display) we are responsible for a minimum of 50 percent of the contract," Dissette explained. "A decision should be made as early as possible on what to do."

A last-minute cancellation would also have an effect on the South Haven Police Department, which contracts with dozens of police units throughout Southwest

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Mason Jar Cafe eyes new location

Proposed move would keep eatery in BH Arts District

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — After years of discussion, Jayme Cousins and Abel Martinez are in the early stages of moving Mason Jar Cafe.

At the Benton Harbor Planning Commission meeting Tuesday, Mason Jar Cafe's co-owners were granted a rezoning of two parcels of property in downtown Benton Harbor.

"We've been going back and forth on where we were going to be and what we were going to do," Cousins said. "This one just seemed to fit for us."

The property, on the corner of Park and 5th streets, is adjacent from The Livery and the Thayer building in downtown Benton Harbor.

Don Campbell / HP staff

The Mason Jar Cafe is at 210 Water St. in downtown Benton Harbor. However, the farm-to-table restaurant may move to a nearby location.

Cousins said they reached out to Brooks Architectural around November to begin the process of getting the property rezoned.

At Tuesday's meeting, the property was given the green light to be designated as mixed-use, from light industrial. Brooks Architectural, which created the building's site plan, had renderings on display for the planning commission.

According to the project's

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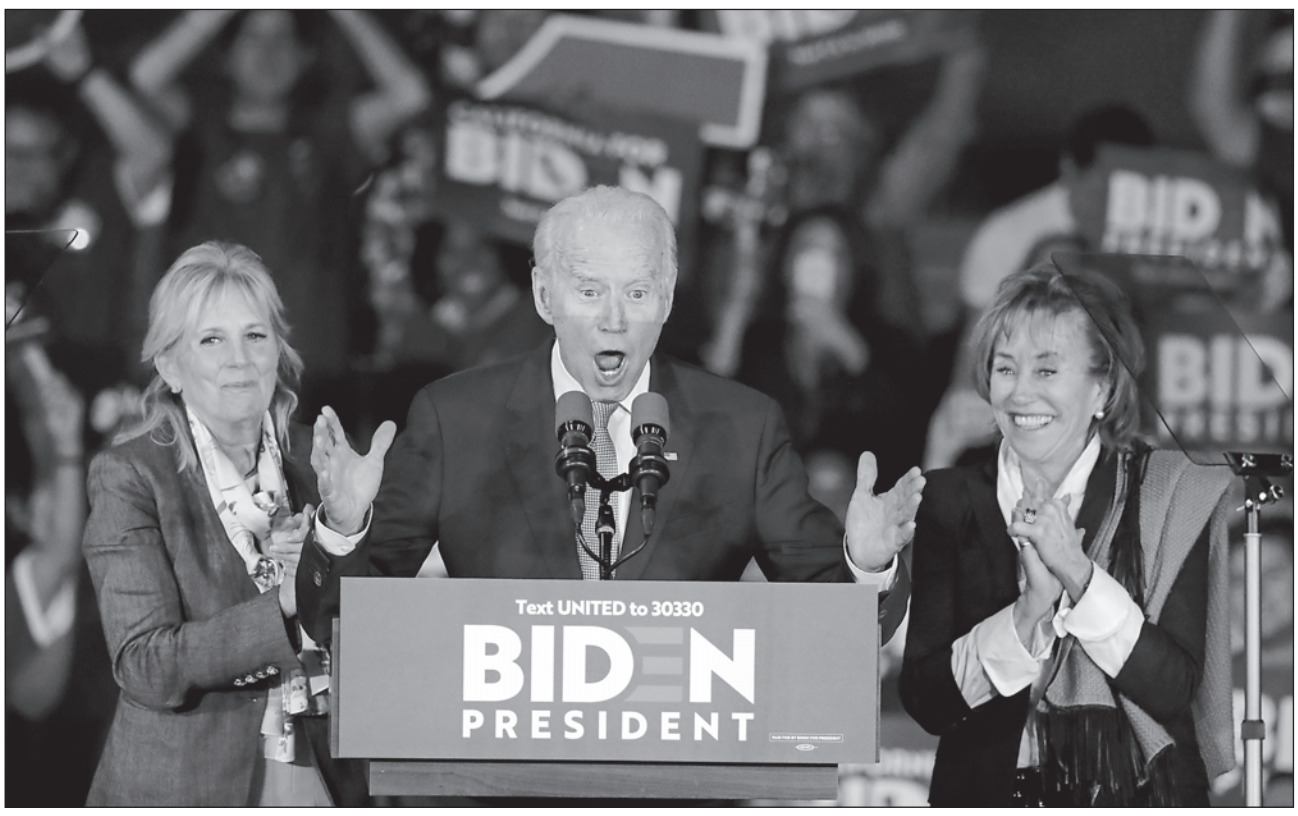
Biden surges in early Super Tuesday states

By STEVE PEOPLES and WILL WEISSERT
Associated Press



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Presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden speaks at a primary election night campaign rally Tuesday in Los Angeles.

WASHINGTON — A resurgent Joe Biden swept to victory across the country on Tuesday, scoring primary wins in the upper Midwest, Massachusetts and African American strongholds in the South, in a dramatic offensive against progressive rival Bernie Sanders, who was hoping to tap into delegate-rich Western states to maintain his lead in the Democratic presidential contest.

The two Democrats, lifelong politicians with starkly different visions for America's future, were battling for delegates as 14 states and one U.S. territory held a series of high-stakes elections that marked the most significant day of voting in the party's 2020 nomination fight. California, the crown jewel of Super Tuesday, was not expected to report final results until early Wednesday, though Sanders appeared to have an advantage there.

The clash between Biden and Sanders, each leading coalitions of disparate demographics and political beliefs, peaked on a day that could determine whether the Democrats' 2020 nomination fight will stretch all the way to the party's July convention or be decided much sooner.

It was increasingly looking like a two-man race.

The former vice president and the three-term senator took aim at each other from dueling victory speeches separated by 2,500 miles Tuesday night.

"People are talking about a revolution. We started a movement," Biden charged in Los Angeles, knocking one of Sanders' signature lines.

And without citing his surging rival by name, Sanders swiped at Biden from a victory speech in Burlington, Vermont. "You cannot beat Trump with the same-old, same-old kind of politics," Sanders declared, ticking down a list of past policy differences with Biden on Social Security, trade and military force. "This will become a contrast in ideas."

Mike Bloomberg's sole victory was in the territory of American Samoa.

Elizabeth Warren had yet to post any early wins and lost her home state of Massachusetts to Biden in a devastating defeat.

Sanders, a Vermont senator, opened the night as the undisputed Democratic front-runner. He claimed decisive victories in his home state of Vermont, Utah, and Colorado. Yet Biden scored wins in Massachusetts, Warren's native Oklahoma and a swath of Southern states including Virginia, Alabama, North Carolina, Tennessee and Arkansas signaled he was cementing his status as the standard-bearer for the Democrats' establishment wing. In a sign of his strength across the country, Biden also won Minnesota, a state Sanders had hoped to put in his column.

Biden racked up the victories despite being dramatically outspent by moderate rival Bloomberg, who poured more than $19 million into television advertising in Virginia. Biden, meanwhile, spent less than $200,000.

A key to Biden's success: black voters. Biden, who served two terms as President Barack Obama's vice president, won 60 percent of the black vote in Alabama, where African Americans made up more than half the Democratic electorate on Tuesday. Bloomberg earned 25 percent, and Sanders won about 10 percent of African American votes, according to AP VoteCast, a wide-ranging survey of the electorate.

The Democratic race has shifted dramatically over the past three days as Biden capitalized on his commanding South Carolina victory to persuade anxious establishment allies to rally behind his campaign. Former rivals Amy Klobuchar and Pete Buttigieg abruptly ended their campaigns and endorsed Biden.

Biden's win in South Carolina, his first in the 2020 election season, rescued his campaign from the brink after three consecutive weak finishes last month.

Sanders, meanwhile, was predicting victory in California, the day's largest delegate prize. The state, like delegate-rich Texas, plays to his strengths, given its significant factions of liberal whites, large urban areas with younger voters and strong Latino populations.

In Biden and Sanders, Democrats have a stark choice in what kind of candidate they want to run against President Donald Trump in November.

Sanders is a 78-year-old democratic socialist who relies on an energized coalition of his party's far-left flank that embraces his decades-long fight to transform the nation's political and economic systems. Biden is a 77-year-old lifelong leader of his party's Washington establishment who emphasizes a more pragmatic approach to core policy issues like health care and climate change.

Across the Super Tuesday states there were early questions about Sanders' claims that he is growing his support from his 2016 bid.

Biden bested him in Oklahoma, though Sanders won the state against Hillary Clinton four years ago. And in Virginia, where Democratic turnout surpassed 2016 by more than 500,000 votes, Sanders' vote share dropped significantly.

Meanwhile, Bloomberg was trying to look beyond the primary to the November election against Trump, who racked up easy victories in lightly contested Republican primaries across the country.

Warren was also fighting to be optimistic.

Facing a roaring crowd in Michigan, she called on her supporters to ignore the political pundits and predictions as her advisers insist she's willing to go all the way to a contested convention in July even if she doesn't claim an outright victory anywhere.

"Here's my advice: Cast a vote that will make you proud. Cast a vote from your heart," Warren declared. She added: "You don't get what you don't fight for. I am in this fight."

The ultimate nominee must claim 1,991 delegates, which is a majority of the 3,979 pledged delegates available this primary season.

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Midday Daily 4
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Daily 4
2-8-8-9
Fantasy 5
06-14-20-24-39
Keno
05-07-10-12-13-14-17-18-19-29-34-35-42-44-46-51-59-62-71-74-77-80
Mega Millions jackpot
$65 million
Powerball jackpot
$80 million

Monday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
02-18-20-29-32
Cash4Life
07-26-35-39-50, Cash Ball: 4
Quick Draw Midday
02-05-06-08-12-16-21-22-25-30-36-50-51-60-62-64-66-73-77-79, BE: 36
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8-6-3, SB: 2
Daily Three-Evening
2-0-5, SB: 2
Daily Four-Midday
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Daily Four-Evening
5-2-9-8, SB: 2
Quick Draw Evening
04-08-19-20-27-33-34-39-40-49-53-55-59-60-67-68-71-72-73-79, BE: 34

Illinois
Lotto
11-28-29-46-47-51, Extra Shot: 16
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
15-22-27-36-37
Pick Three-Midday
8-0-9, Fireball: 4
Pick Three-Evening
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Trump says he spoke to a Taliban leader

Had 'good talk'

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U.S. peace envoy Zalmay Khalilzad, left, and Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, the Taliban group's top political leader sign a peace agreement between Taliban and U.S. officials in Doha, Qatar, on Saturday. The United States signed a peace agreement with Taliban militants on Saturday aimed at bringing an end to 18 years of bloodshed in Afghanistan and allowing U.S. troops to return home from America's longest war.

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump confirmed Tuesday that he spoke on the phone to a Taliban leader, making him the first U.S. president believed to have ever spoken directly with the militant group responsible for the deaths of thousands of U.S. troops in nearly 19 years of fighting in Afghanistan.

Trump said the United States has a shared interest with the Taliban, which harbored al-Qaida before the 9/11 attacks.

"We had a very good conversation with the leader of the Taliban today, and they're looking to get this ended, and we're looking to get it ended. I think we all have a very common interest," Trump said. "We had, actually, a very good talk with the leader of the Taliban."

The United States and the Taliban signed an agreement last Saturday calling for the withdrawal of American troops, allowing Trump to make progress on a key campaign pledge to extract the U.S. from what he calls "endless wars" and paving the way for all-Afghan talks to begin on Tuesday.

Trump suggested the phone call, which the Taliban said lasted 35 minutes, was not his first. Asked if Tuesday was his first conversation with a leader of the Taliban, Trump said, "I don't want to say that."

Earlier, Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid tweeted that the president had spoken on the phone with Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, a co-founder of the Taliban and head of their political office in Qatar.

"The relationship is very good that I have with the mullah," Trump said. "We had a good long conversation today and, you know, they want to cease the violence. They'd like to cease violence also."

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo witnessed the agreement, which was signed last Saturday in Doha, Qatar, by chief negotiators from the two sides. According to the deal, all 13,000 U.S. troops will leave Afghanistan within 14 months if the Taliban meet their obligations to America. Those promises are tied to fighting terrorism, preventing Afghanistan from becoming a haven for terrorists, denouncing terrorist groups, severing past links with the likes of al-Qaida and helping fight the Islamic State group affiliate.

It also envisioned talks between Afghans on both sides of the conflict starting March 10, most likely in Oslo, Norway. But so far there's no confirmation that important next step will take place. The U.S. withdrawal is not tied to Afghanistan's warring sides figuring out how to talk to each other, let alone coming to an agreement on what peace among them will look like.

Already there are hurdles. Afghan President Ashraf Ghani has refused to release up to 5,000 Taliban prisoners, which the agreement said would happen before the start of the so-called intra-Afghan negotiations next week. The Ghani administration claims those releases will be part of negotiations. The Taliban are to release up to 1,000 Afghan government and military captives.

Trump said it's still unclear what the Afghans will do when and if they sit with the Taliban and attempt to draft a peaceful political future for the nation. "The country really has to get it ended. We've been there for 20 years. Other presidents have tried and they were unsuccessful," he said.

In addition to the tweet, the Afghan Taliban also released a statement, saying the phone call took place shortly after 9:30 a.m. EST. SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors communications from militant organizations, said the Taliban statement claimed the call was held in the presence of a number of members of the Taliban negotiating committee and Zalmay Khalilzad, the U.S. envoy who negotiated the deal.

According to the statement, the phone conversation was about how both sides will implement the agreement. Baradar assured Trump that if the United States honored the agreement, then the U.S. and the Taliban will have "positive bilateral relations," the statement said.

The statement said the Taliban leader told Trump: "Mr. President! Take determined actions in regards to the withdrawal of foreign forces from Afghanistan and do not allow anyone to take actions that violate the terms of the agreement thus embroiling you even further in this prolonged war."

The White House provided no additional details about what was said on the call.

In the past, people have wrongly believed that President Ronald Reagan had a meeting with the Taliban. In 1983, Reagan hosted five "Afghan freedom fighters" in the Oval Office. At the time, the U.S. was backing these Afghan fighters battling the Soviet Union. The Taliban was not formed until the 1990s.

In the 1980s, the U.S. was among those who encouraged hundreds of Arab fighters to travel to Afghanistan to fight alongside the Afghan mujahedeen, or holy warriors, against the Soviet Union's forces there. Today, many of those fighters make up the Taliban leadership, while others are in power in the U.S.-backed Afghan government.

As the war came to a close in 1988, many of the Arab fighters united to follow the wealthy Saudi leader Osama bin Laden to create al-Qaida, which orchestrated the attacks on the United States on Sept. 11, 2001.

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Changes coming to Benton Harbor school district

Townsel to spell out his vision soon

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — A lot of changes are expected to be put in place in the next two months by Benton Harbor school board trustees.

But what, exactly, they will look like still needs to be hashed out, President Joseph Taylor said after Tuesday's work session.

"It's time to change the way we think," he said. "A lot of times, these taxpayers ... they always want things to stay the same. What they don't realize is that the state will shut you down for staying the same because they're sick of the same foolishness."

Andrae Townsel, the district's new superintendent, is expected to share with trustees his vision for the district at a retreat to be set up later this month.

In addition, trustees will hear the draft report from the BHAS Community Engagement Advisory Committee at 5:30 p.m. March 17 at Benton Harbor High School. The committee, which is funded by the state, has been meeting since late October to put together an academic and financial operating plan to help the district with its high debt, decreasing enrollment and low test scores.

Taylor said he has no idea what advisory committee members will recommend, and he looks forward to hearing their report.

But he said he has heard some of the changes Townsel wants to make.

One expected change is for the district to create buildings where students only attend three schools from kindergarten through 12th grade – an elementary school, a middle school and a high school.

Right now, students have to go to five buildings as they progress from kindergarten through 12th grade.

"Our kids need the right stability," Taylor said. "They're moving too much. They're moving five times. This way, they're only going to transition three times just like St. Joe and Lakeshore and the other school districts"

During the meeting, Townsel said it will probably take two years to implement the plan, with first- through fifth-grade buildings being created in the fall and kindergarten added to the buildings the following school year.

After the meeting, Taylor said he would also like to change the schools back to their traditional names. For example, he said the district's middle school, now called the Arts & Communications Academy, would be called Fair Plain Middle School.

"Hull would just be Hull School," he said. "Not Hull International because we don't have an international baccalaureate program. You can't call a school something that you don't have."

During the meeting, Townsel said he wants to rebrand the district so every school and department is using the same Tiger logo.

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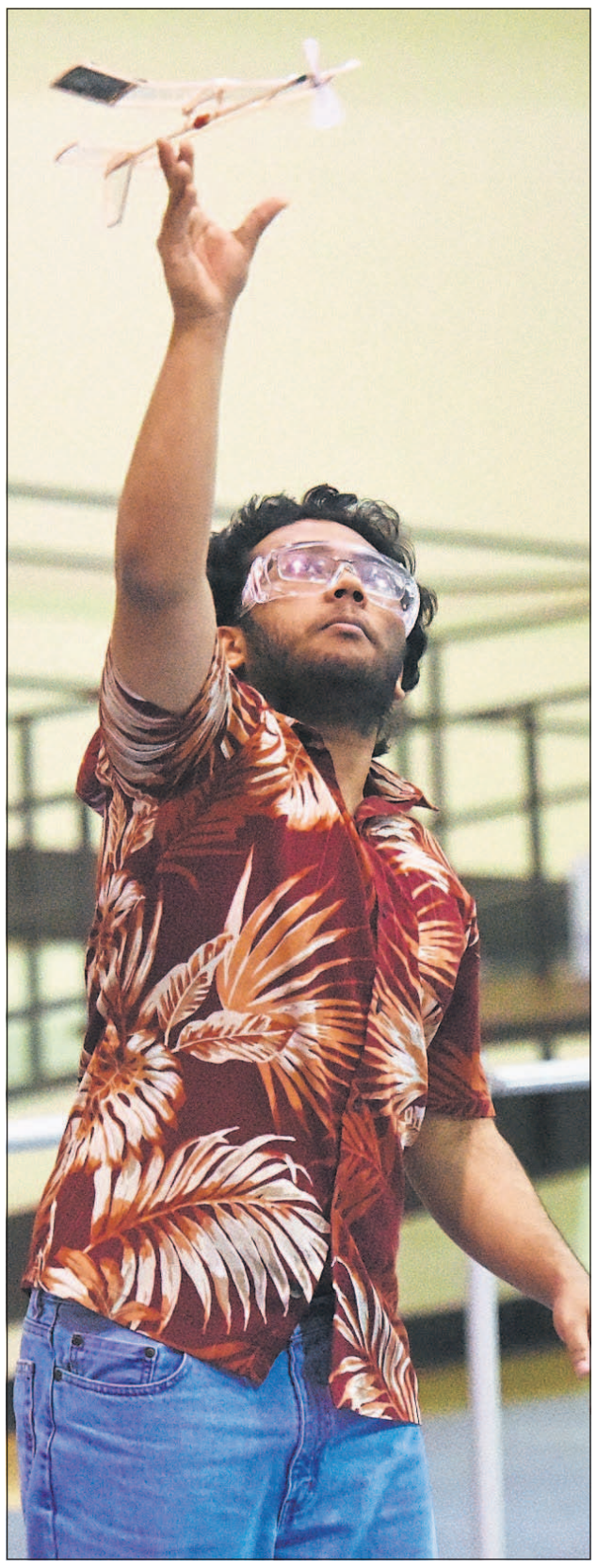
Berrien RESA Science Olympiad

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

Vanessa Delhoyo, left, and Tessa Pohyba, students at Lakeshore Middle school, work on identifying bird species in an ornithology competition at the annual Science Olympiad event.

Aleena Schadler, right, a junior at St. Joseph High School, and Harshdeep Kaur, a freshman, work on identifying items in a forensics competition Tuesday during the 33rd Annual Science Olympiad held at Lake Michigan College. Hundreds of area high school and middle school students took part in events such as fossils, circuitry, astronomy and meteorology during the annual science competition.



Shirso Sarker, a senior at Berrien Springs High School, and his teammate, Shekinah Moses, not pictured, compete in the Wright Stuff event at the annual Science Olympiad.

Fire destroys Bangor furniture business for second time

By HP STAFF

BANGOR — Fire investigators spent Tuesday trying to determine what caused a fire to destroy a business on M-43 Highway during the late-evening hours of Monday.

For the second time in less than two years, May's Furniture and Antiques, 31375 M-43, in Arlington Township, was lost to fire. The first fire occurred New Year's Eve 2018, destroying the building and prompting the company to rebuild, according to a news release issued by South Haven Area Emergency Services. The department was joined by five other departments in fighting Monday's fire.

Bangor Community Fire Department Fire Chief Derek Babcock believes the fire originated somewhere in the center of the building.

Babcock requested the state fire marshal to investigate the cause of the blaze, but could not determine as of Tuesday whether the fire was the result of an accident or arson.

"That's why we're here. We're investigating," Babcock said, while working at the site.

Firefighters were dispatched to the furniture store, owned by Edgar Mims, at 11:30 p.m. Monday. When they arrived they were met with heavy smoke and fire in the attic of the building.

Water had to be shuttled by tankers to the fire scene. Bangor firefighters were assisted by firefighters from Bloomingdale, Columbia, Hartford, Lawrence and South Haven.

Photo provided / Bangor Community Fire Department

South Haven Area Emergency Services uses its ladder truck to help put out a fire that broke out late Monday evening at May's Furniture and Antiques, 31375 M-43 Highway, in Arlington Township. Six fire departments battled the blaze, which destroyed the building.

Health Dept. issues warning about Niles body art facility

By HP STAFF

NILES — The Berrien County Health Department has suspended the operating license for a Niles body art facility due to unsafe and unsanitary piercing practices, possibly exposing customers to the blood of other customers, according to a news release from the department.

People who have ever received body piercings from Paparazzi Tattoo & Body Piercing in Niles are recommended to receive blood tests for hepatitis B, hepatitis C and HIV. They may be at increased risk for exposure to blood-borne pathogens due to improper sterilization of metal forceps used for those piercing procedures.

Customers who received ear and nose piercings exclusively are not at risk and are not recommended for blood testing.

People can be tested by their health care provider, or by the Berrien County Health Department in Niles on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or in Benton Harbor on Mondays or Thursdays.

The department is working to notify customers and

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Wendzel seeks second term in state House

By HP STAFF

WATERVLIET — State Rep. Pauline Wendzel is running for reelection as the Representative of Michigan's 79th House District.

Wendzel, R-Watervliet, announced her intention to run for a second term Tuesday in a news release.

"When I ran for election in 2018, I promised that I would put Southwest Michigan's interests first," Wendzel said in the release. "My role as your representative is just that – to represent the hard-working people of our community. After knocking on thousands of doors and attending hundreds of community events from Watervliet down to Bridgman, I know the priorities of our community and have stayed committed to making their voice heard in Lansing."

WENDZEL

For her second term, Wendzel stated she would focus on criminal justice reforms, K-12 education, childhood mental health resources and working with small business owners.

"As we look to tackle the challenges facing our state,

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Lawmakers close in on $7.5B measure to battle coronavirus

By ANDREW TAYLOR and LISA MASCARO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers are finalizing a $7.5 billion emergency bill to fund the government's response to the coronavirus outbreak, even as fear is growing that the rapid spread of the virus is a shock to the economy and will lead to significant disruption in people's everyday lives.

Lawmakers across the spectrum said negotiations are likely to produce a bipartisan deal on Wednesday in hopes of clearing the measure through Congress by week's end – a burst of bipartisan cooperation that's atypical of today's Washington.

The $7.5 billion package would triple Trump's request but is expected to enjoy support from both the White House and Trump's GOP allies on Capitol Hill.

"When it comes to Americans' health and safety, there is no reason to be penny-wise and pound-foolish," top Senate Democrat Chuck Schumer said Tuesday.

A spokesman for House Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., said Tuesday night that only modest differences remain and that House is on track to vote on Wednesday.

Negotiators had hoped to seal a deal Tuesday but differences over language sought by Democrats to guarantee low prices for a coronavirus vaccine that's being developed with taxpayer funding are holding up the agreement. Republicans say current law is sufficient to deter price gouging and warn that the Democratic language could backfire and delay production by private sector drug companies. Both sides say the issue is unlikely to stall an accord for long.

Frustration is palpable among lawmakers reporting widespread fear and impatience among their constituents, especially about a shortage of tests to detect the virus.

"I wish we were a week earlier on producing these tests. Perhaps that's a valid criticism," said Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla.

"I am hearing personally from people across our state who are frustrated. They have been exposed. They are sick. They want to get tested. They have nowhere to go," said Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., whose state is at the epicenter of the outbreak. "This is truly a serious crisis and we cannot respond on the cheap or at the last minute."

Worries are growing about the impact on workers earning hourly wages being told to stay home, immigrants who may fear seeking treatment, and the potential rapid spread among homeless people. Widespread school closures are possible as well.

Senate Appropriations Committee Chairmen Richard Shelby, R-Ala., said negotiators are very close to agreement and that swift passage of the bill "sends a message to the American people that we care and we are going to do everything we can."

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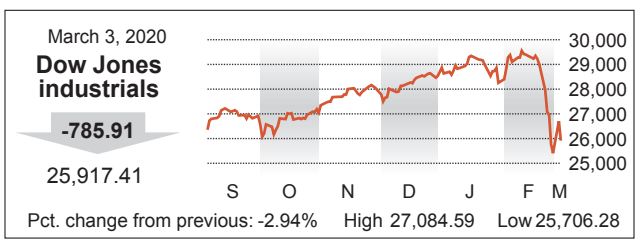

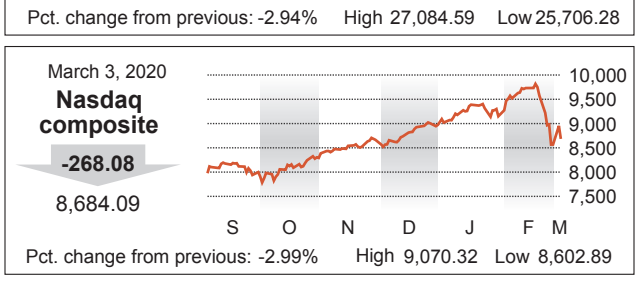

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Comcast	CMCSA	37.89	47.74	41.44	-1.08	-2.5	▲	▼	▼
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Disney	DIS	107.32	153.41	116.45	-3.53	-2.9	▼	▼	▼
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GenElec	GE	7.65	13.26	10.88	-.33	-2.9	▬	▼	▼
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IDEX	IEX	142.97	178.14	149.42	-3.62	-2.4	▲	▼	▼
IBM	IBM	126.36	158.75	128.90	-5.40	-4.0	▼	▼	▼
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Microsoft	MSFT	108.80	190.70	164.51	-8.28	-4.8	▲	▼	▲
MillerHer	MLHR	33.31	49.88	33.54	-.72	-2.1	▼	▼	▼
Penney	JCP	0.53	1.92	.66	-.03	-4.6	▼	▼	▼
Perrigo	PRGO	40.68	63.86	53.33	-.73	-1.4	▲	▼	▲
Pfizer	PFE	32.53	44.56	34.30	-.58	-1.7	▲	▼	▼
ProctGam	PG	98.51	128.09	118.17	-1.39	-1.2	▲	▼	▼
RepubSvc	RSG	76.13	100.91	91.31	-2.77	-2.9	▲	▼	▲
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Stryker	SYK	174.84	226.30	188.83	-8.39	-4.3	▼	▼	▼
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Target	TGT	70.03	130.24	105.84	-3.22	-3.0	▲	▼	▼
TractSupp	TSCO	86.62	114.25	93.14	+1.66	+1.8	▲	▲	▼
UPS B	UPS	87.67	125.31	91.30	-1.45	-1.6	▲	▼	▼
VerizonCm	VZ	52.18	62.22	55.70	-1.62	-2.8	▲	▼	▼
WEC Engy	WEC	75.88	103.25	97.58	-.11	-0.1	▲	▼	▲
WalMart	WMT	96.53	125.38	112.91	-2.97	-2.6	▲	▼	▼
WalgBoots	WBA	44.61	67.00	46.12	-1.99	-4.1	▲	▼	▼
Wendys Co	WEN	16.25	24.04	19.16	-.46	-2.3	▲	▼	▼
Whrlpl	WHR	114.00	163.64	127.87	-6.00	-4.5	▬	▼	▼
Worthgtn	WOR	30.82	44.69	31.71	-1.03	-3.1	▼	▼	▼
XPO Logis	XPO	47.35	100.18	71.41	-4.58	-6.0	▼	▼	▼

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Workers dismantle a booth after the 90th Geneva International Motor Show (GIMS) is cancelled by Swiss authorities, at the Palexpo in Geneva, Switzerland. The 90th edition of the International Motor Show, scheduled to begin on March 5, is cancelled due to the advancement of the (COVID-19) coronavirus in Switzerland.

Trade show blues: Exhibitions go virtual as virus spreads

By DAVID MCHUGH and ALEXANDRA OLSON
AP Business Writers

FRANKFURT, Germany — Fine wines and hipster gin. Hunting rifles and knives. Contemporary paintings and million-dollar sports cars. They're all marketed at trade events that are quickly going dark across the globe due to the new coronavirus – and taking with them sales opportunities that may be difficult to make up.

Some companies are taking their shows online with virtual events they stream from their headquarters to reach customers anyway.

But marketing experts and executives warn that there is no substitute for face-to-face contact with potential clients, as exhibition companies try to total up the losses being suffered by an industry that also pumps billions into hotels, restaurants and cabdriver's wallets.

The Geneva International Motor Show resorted to putting automakers' product unveilings and news conferences online Tuesday after this year's show was canceled. BMW presented its sleek i4 electric concept car at a digital news conference from Munich, while competitors Daimler and Volkswagen held their own online events.

The Geneva show was cancelled after local authorities barred gatherings of more than 1,000 people to halt the spread of the virus, which has sickened over 90,000 people globally and led to 3,100 deaths as of Tuesday. While some car companies were already trying online presentations before the virus in an effort to expand their reach to social media, there is no real substitute to seeing a product in person or meeting people in the industry.

"It's not just about purchases. For many products it is also about reinforcing a kind of community building," said Gernot Gehrke, professor of management and event-industry marketing at the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Hanover.

Trade shows, which can bring sales long after the event, are "a point of contact in a customer journey, if you like, that aims at a stable relationship to customers, and also to people and organizations that might become customers."

They are also big business. Exhibitors pay in advance to book space and lose their money on such last-minute cancellations caused by health concerns. The Geneva auto show was expected to generate $250 million for the wider city area. "This is a dramatic loss for everyone," said Oliver Rihs, managing director of the Geneva show, which plans to go ahead next year.

Trade fairs are a tradition in Germany, where some 160 to 180 are held every year, reaping $16 billion from visitors and exhibitors and pumping a total of 28 billion euros into the local economy as well as providing 230,000 jobs, 100,000 of them full-time positions.

Art Basel, the modern and contemporary art fair, moved up the debut of a new digital initiative after its Hong Kong fair was cancelled due the virus. The online viewing rooms will be live March 20-25 after two VIP preview days. The digital initiative will be open for free to galleries that had been accepted to participate in the Hong Kong fair. The rooms allow collectors to browse through thousands of works and directly contact galleries.

But online showings would be a poor option for the luxury watch industry, which is reeling from the cancellation of two major industry events, Baselworld and Watches & Wonders Geneva.

"The watch industry is a touch-and-feel industry. The only way to get a feel for these incredible luxury products is to hold them in your hands and look at them and engage in the emotion of what goes into the making of these incredible masterpieces," said Roberta Naas, who has written several books on the watches and founded the website ATimelyPerspective.com.

Other big cancellations include the Mobile World Congress last month in Barcelona, Spain, the biggest industry show for wireless technology.

In Chicago, the International Housewares Association this week canceled its annual show set for mid-March. It was expected to draw more than 56,000 visitors and more than 47,000 nights booked in the city's hotels.

Leana Salamah, a spokeswoman for the association, said the show was expected to bring $77 million in spending to the city, including on hotels, meals, entertainment and transportation.

A slew of others have been postponed that might be less known to the public but are a big deal in particular industries. This month, the exhibition center in Duesseldorf, Germany, has alone seen the postponement of fairs for: wine and spirits, metalworking and manufacturing technology, energy storage, and wire and cables. In Nuremberg, IWA OutdoorClassic, a hunting and outdoor gear show, was pushed back to September.

Gamers Developers Conference, a major event for video game developers in San Francisco, was postponed last week after a growing number of companies dropped out, including Amazon, Sony, Facebook, Electronic Arts, Unity and Epic. Facebook is planning to go forward with GDC-related announcements via video, online Q&A sessions and other digital formats. But smaller game developers and software companies can't make up for the loss of exposure of the March 16-20 event.

Jacob Navok, CEO of Genvid, said his software development company had planned several announcements at GDC regarding games. He had planned a keynote address, a round table discussion and an evening party with more than 120 guests. Unlike Facebook, his company does not have the capacity to hold virtual versions of those events.

"Nobody would watch because I have no way to market that. I'm not able to draw people to these things by myself," said Navok.

Instead, Navok said he plans to spend the week flying to San Francisco, Los Angeles and Seattle to meet with some of the major companies. He also will repackage his keynote address for interviews with industry journalists. But he will not be able to meet with many game publishers from other parts of the U.S. and Canada. And he will miss out on the impromptu interactions that happen when people stop by his booth.

"It will suffice, but it cannot replace that in-person presentation and the ability to meet the people that randomly happen across your product," said Navok. "It's a big week of announcements. We are still going to do it. We are going to have to – but that in person momentum is not going to be there."

WENDZEL

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I look forward to working with everyone to achieve these goals," Wendzel said. "As these conversations happen, Southwest Michigan taxpayers need to know their representative has their back and is fighting for the issues important to them."

Wendzel now serves as vice chair of the House Energy Committee, as well as the House Commerce and Tourism Committee. Wendzel also serves on the House Regulatory Reform Committee and Agriculture Committee.

Wendzel faces at least one Democratic challenger.

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provide guidance on recommended blood testing. So far, no cases of hepatitis C, hepatitis B or HIV associated with Paparazzi Tattoo & Body Piercing have been found.

Even though there may not be symptoms, blood testing is still recommended, as there are treatment options available if test results are positive. Testing cannot determine if an infection occurred at the body art facility or another location, but knowing about the infection is important so it can be evaluated by a health care professional.

The health department continues working with state and regional public health partners as this investigation is ongoing. A hotline has been established to answer questions or concerns from the public at 1-800-815-5485. More information is also available at the Berrien County Health Department website at www.bchdmi.org.

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"And treat it like a multi-million dollar organization so we can be beautiful and we can be prideful," he said. "Believe it or not, that will rapidly increase morale and engagement not only from students, but parents, alumni, as well as our teachers. It will take our pride to a whole 'nother level because that's a tangible investment that you can see right off the bat."

Tuesday may also be the last time school board trustees meet twice a month. For years, trustees have held a work session the first Tuesday of the month, when they normally don't vote, with the regular meeting the second Tuesday.

Townsel said there's no reason to meet twice a month. He said he could get trustees board packets by the first Tuesday of the month without them having to meet.

Taylor said he's excited about the energy Townsel is bringing to the district.

"When we have a good superintendent, he brings in best practices," Taylor said. "He knows what he's doing."

School board trustees next meet at 5:30 p.m. March 10 at Benton Harbor High School. But they will meet in the Performing Arts Center instead of the high school library because of the primary election.

Resignations

During the March 10 meeting, they are expected to accept the resignations of three staff, including of Assistant Superintendent Patricia Robinson, effective June 30, and of Lanada Avinger, principal of Fair Plain East, effective this past Monday. Also resigning is Julia Clay, a teacher at Fair Plain East, effective Feb. 28.

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PRIME TIME TV

WEDNESDAY EVENING MAR. 4

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Volcano Live! With Nik Wallenda Highwire walk over an active volcano. (N) CC				Stumptown (N) CC (DVS)	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Survivor "I Like Revenge" (N) CC		:01 SEAL Team "Fog of War" (N)		S.W.A.T. A lone gunman targets women.	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	Chicago Med (N) CC (DVS)		Chicago Fire (N) CC (DVS)		Chicago P.D. "Intimate Violence" (N)	
FOX 17 22 28 32	Modern Family	The Masked Singer (N) CC (DVS)		:01 LEGO Masters "Mega City Block"		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Outdoor Elements	Brit Floyd: The World's Greatest Pink Floyd Show			The British Beat (My Music) CC		
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Riverdale (N) CC		Nancy Drew (N) CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "Climbing Into Bed" CC		Dateline "Poison" CC		Dateline A message written in blood.	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Riverdale (N) CC		Nancy Drew (N) CC		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Riders on the Storm"		Highway to Heaven CC		The List (N) CC	Celebrity Page (N)
WGN 9	News	black-ish CC	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	Live PD Presents	Live PD Presents	Live PD Presents	America's Top Dog (N) CC		Live PD Presents	Live PD Presents
AMC	Perfect Storm	★★★ Star Trek ('09) Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto. Chronicles the early days of the starship Enterprise and her crew. CC					
Animal	TBA	I Was Prey: Under Attack (N)				To Be Announced	
BET	6:30 About Last Night ('14)			Tyler Perry's Sistas		Twenties	Twenties
Big Ten	College Basketball			College Basketball			
Bravo	Housewives/NJ	The Real Housewives of New Jersey		Summer House "Hamptons Vice" (N)		The Real Housewives of New Jersey	
Cartoon	Gumball	Home	Burgers	Burgers	Rick &	American	American
Cinemax	Unstoppable ('10)	★★ Cowboys & Aliens ('11, Science Fiction) Daniel Craig, Harrison Ford. CC				★★ The Predator ('18) CC	
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank		Listing Impossible		The Deed: Chicago	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Nora
Discovery	Expedition Un.	Expedition Unknown "Treasure of the Warrior Queen" Josh is searching England. (N) CC					
Disney	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Gabby	Sydney	Just Roll	Coop	Sydney
DIY	Rehab	Holmes & Holmes		Holmes & Holmes		Holmes & Holmes	
E!	★★ The Wedding Planner ('01) Jennifer Lopez.					The Soup	Nightly
ESPN	NBA Basketball: Pacers at Bucks				NBA Basketball		
ESPN2	College Basketball Teams TBA.			College Basketball			
ESPNC	Football	College Football From Nov. 24, 2007.				College Football	
Food	Grocery	Guy's Games		Guy's Games		Tournament	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	NBA Basketball: Thunder at Pistons				Pistons Live (N)		Michigan
Freefrm	5:30 The Twilight Saga: Eclipse		Party of Five Decisions spell change for the Acostas. CC			Good Trouble "Trap Heals" CC	
FX	:00 ★★★ Avatar ('09) Sam Worthington. A former Marine falls in love with a native of a lush alien world. CC						Avatar
Golf	PGA	GOLF Films CC		GOLF Films CC		GOLF Films CC	
Hallmark	Winter Love	Love, of Course ('18, Romance) Cameron Mathison, Kelly Rutherford. CC				From Friend to Fiancé ('19) CC	
HBO	McMillion$	★★ Anna ('19, Action) Sasha Luss, Luke Evans, Cillian Murphy. CC				The New Pope "Eighth Episode"	
History	Forged	Forged in Fire: Cutting Deeper "Curved Blades" (N) CC					
HGTV	Property	Extreme Makeover		100 Day Dream		Property Brothers	
Learning	My 600-	My 600-Lb. Life "Ashley B's Story" (N)				Feet-Killing Me	
Lifetime	Married-Sight	Married at First Sight "I Want You to Want Me" The group attends a cooking class. (N)				Bride & Prejudice: Forbidden Love (N)	
MSNBC	Hardball	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Catfish	Catfish: The TV		:02 True Life Crime		Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Bulls	NBA Basketball: Bulls at Timberwolves					Postgame
NFL	NFL Total	NFL All-Time Team		Deion's Double Play		A Football Life	
Nick	LEGO Batman: The Movie			Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Locked	Locked Up Abroad		Locked Up Abroad		To Catch a Smuggler	
Oxygen	:00 Snapped	Snapped "Janet Harrell" CC		Snapped "Juatasha Denton-McCaster"		Snapped "Shriya Patel" CC	
Parmt	6:30 ★★ Bad Boys II ('03) Martin Lawrence.					68 Whiskey (N)	
Showtime	6:45 ★★ Real Steel ('11, Action) Hugh Jackman. CC			★★★ Twelve Monkeys ('95) Bruce Willis, Madeleine Stowe. (P). CC			
Starz	:23 ★★ Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs ('09) CC			★★ Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde ('03) CC			Men in Black
STZENC	:04 ★★★ Gone Baby Gone ('07) Casey Affleck. CC			★★★ Born on the Fourth of July ('89) Tom Cruise, Willem Dafoe. CC			
SyFy	:00 ★★ The Magnificent Seven ('16, Western) Denzel Washington, Chris Pratt. CC (DVS)					The Magicians (N) CC	
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal
TCM	Dead Ringer	★★ Circus Clown ('34) CC		:15 ★★ The Tenderfoot ('32) Joe E. Brown. CC			★ Bright Lights
TMC	Duran	The Professor ('18) Johnny Depp, Zoey Deutch. CC			:35 ★★ Phenomenon ('96, Drama) John Travolta. CC		
TNT	Trans	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) CC				Transformers	
Travel	Paranorm.	Paranormal Ca.		Paranormal Caught on Camera (N) CC			
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men
USA	:00 Chicago P.D.	WWE NXT (N) (L) CC				:05 Miz & Mrs (N)	:37 Miz & Mrs
VH1	Black Ink	Black Ink Crew (N)		Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WGN-A	Cops CC	Cops CC	Cops CC	Cops CC	Cops CC	Cops CC	Cops "Texas"

Ministrokes require immediate medical care

DEAR DOCTOR: Our mom had half of her face go numb for a few minutes, and she also had trouble speaking. She went to the doctor and was told she had a ministroke. What is that? Is it dangerous?

DEAR READER: Your mother had what is known as a transient ischemic attack, or TIA. This occurs due to a temporary decrease or blockage of blood flow within the brain. The words "mini" and "temporary" sound reassuring, and, in fact, people tend to shrug off a TIA because the symptoms often improve quickly. However, a TIA is a strong warning sign of elevated stroke risk, which makes it a medical emergency. Up to 15 percent of patients go on to have a more severe stroke in the three months following a TIA, with half of those occurring within the first 48 hours after the initial event. Statistics show that long-term stroke risk is elevated as well.

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

The symptoms of a TIA are similar to those of a major stroke. They include weakness, numbness or sudden paralysis of the face, arm or leg, which usually involves just one side of the body; slurred or confused speech; difficulty understanding spoken and written language; changes to vision; dizziness; difficulty walking or standing; and the swift onset of a severe headache. Unlike in a stroke, the symptoms associated with a TIA are brief. They can last up to 24 hours, but in many cases they pass within the hour. In some people, as with your mother, the symptoms last for mere minutes.

It's this short-lived nature of a TIA that causes up to one-third of patients to put off seeking medical care for more than 24 hours. Risk factors include high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, being 55 or older, having a family history of stroke, having had a previous stroke or TIA, the use of tobacco products and being overweight. TIAs occur more often in men than in women, but due to their longer life spans, the mortality rate is higher in women. Genetics, race and a poor blood lipid profile also play a role.

If you have the symptoms of a TIA, it's important to seek medical care immediately. Diagnosis includes a complete medical history, physical exam and one or more of a variety of scans and imaging tests to evaluate the relevant blood vessels. Treatment may include the use of medications to lessen the risk of clotting, to dissolve existing clots, to lower blood cholesterol and to address any blood pressure issues. In some cases, angioplasty to open a clogged artery, or the use of a stent to prop open an artery, may be recommended. When severe blockage is found, surgery to clear the artery may be needed. The treatment approach is determined by the cause, location and severity of the TIA, as well as each patient's medical status and history.

The reassuring news is that, with prompt and proper medical care, up to 80 percent of the strokes that occur after a TIA are preventable. That makes early diagnosis and immediate treatment all the more important.

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Setting ground rules with live-in adult daughter

DEAR CAROLYN: My daughter graduated from college last year; we are now looking into graduate programs. She moved back home at the end of summer. We have a split-level home, so we both have our "space" and share our kitchen.

She met a young man online and they get along well. After several months of dating, I realized he was staying at our home almost every night. Granted, he stays mostly downstairs in her living space.

Carolyn Hax

I told my daughter I did not want to live with a young man, or anyone else. I said her boyfriend could stay at our home two nights a week and no more. I felt this was a generous offer. My daughter disagrees.

Neither pays for household expenses, which to me is not the issue.

Am I being unreasonable? It doesn't matter to me that he is a nice guy, or that he is unintrusive, I simply do not want to live with another person other than my daughter. – Feeling the Pressure

FEELING THE PRESSURE: "We"? You're both going to grad school?

I never want to overreact to a single word choice. However, that little "we" seems to capture all the discomfort and uncertainty you're feeling about your role here.

Are you still the parent, still partly responsible for your daughter's choices? Or are you a peer? Are you her roommate? Are you her landlord?

The answer to all of these is to varying degrees both yes and no, which I hope is reassuring on some level – since it tells you you're absolutely justified in having no idea where you actually stand.

But that squishiness is what you're trying to build an agreement on with your daughter/fellow adult/housemate, so it's no wonder it isn't working. It is your house, yes, but your *grown* daughter also calls it home. Are you really going to give her a set of rules as if she's a child?

Isn't it time instead to ask her – and also expect her – to be considerate of your needs, and in return edit your wish list to some thoughtfully chosen points?

And if she chooses not to be considerate, to give her a move-out date?

Come up with that wish list by weighing your priorities carefully. Also consider what you would prioritize if you were the younger adult in this arrangement – then invite your daughter into a conversation about what each of you wants and can reasonably ask. Figure out, *together*, some reasonable limits, expectations and courtesies.

An adult who is told, "Two nights only" tends to chafe. An adult who is asked, "How many nights would be fair?" tends to try hard to be fair.

You also might want to slide the "landlord" answer more toward the "yes." There's a lot to be said for the clarity in your roles – two adults, one of them subordinate – that you both get from her paying her way, even just in part.

If you don't need the money or your daughter can ill afford it, then keep the amount small and deposit it into a separate account, where it goes untouched until you either need it or surprise her with it as she moves out on her own.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Skirt slit
5 Don Diego masked
10 Accumulate (2 wds.)
12 Make bubbly
13 Spine-crested lizard
14 Dryer companion
15 Scotland Yard div.
16 Moonshot mission
18 Frequent "SNL" host — Baldwin
20 Fabric meas.
21 Monster's loch
25 Trevi Fountain coins, once
27 Rug texture
28 Honda rival
31 Home-grown
34 Andes ruminants
35 Stayed
36 Ms. Jillian
37 Elephant tooth
38 Suitcases
40 Zig's opposite
41 Yen
45 Attire
48 "Exodus" hero
49 Come by
52 Drew, in a way
54 Raspy-sounding
55 Union man
56 Trapshooting
57 Tedious undertaking

DOWN
1 Watch
2 Slip past
3 Teachers' org.
4 Salad fish
5 Strong fervor
6 Director — Welles
7 Go team!
8 Hwy.
9 Above, to a bard
10 Typewriter type
11 Scroll material
12 Hole-making tools
17 Poetic tribute
19 Chowder tidbit
22 Sooner city
23 Keep
24 Stepped on the gas
26 Keogh relative
28 Meatloaf serving
29 Longest arm bone
30 Loud sound
31 Mischievous
32 Situp targets
33 Polynesian carving
37 Do lacework
39 Make jump
40 Region
42 Pushpins
43 Fishing spot
44 Go to earth
46 Grocery shopper's reference
47 Latin 101 word
49 Sighs of distress
50 — choy
51 — kwon do
53 Literary compilation

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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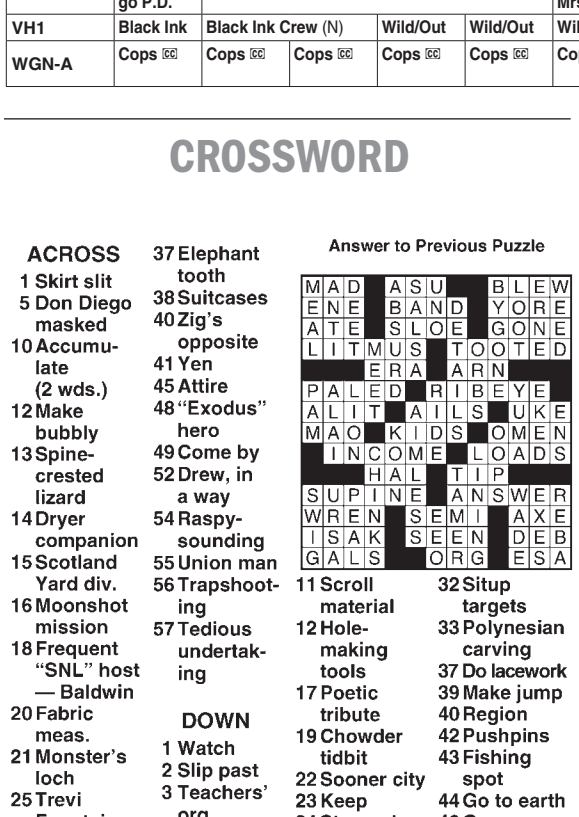

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SEEEG

TEYNR

LHRBEA

LUTTEO

I can't imagine living anywhere else.
There's so much room for us to stretch out. It's perfect!
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ANACONDAS FEEL AT HOME IN TROPICAL SOUTH AMERICA BECAUSE THEY ---

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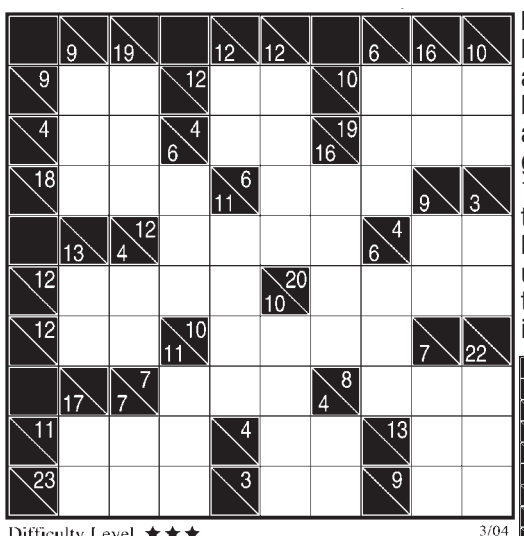
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

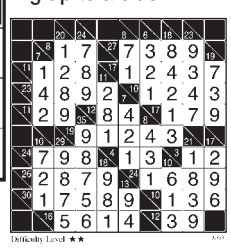
Yesterday's Jumbles: CHEER FETCH TATTOO ONLINE
Answer: Her students were learning cursive and followed her instructions — TO THE LETTER

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★ 3/04

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Being a founding father of the Ailurophile Society, the cliche I dislike the most is, "There's more than one way to skin a cat." But the concept – and the concept alone – may be applied to many bridge deals.

Take today's, for example. How should South have planned the play in three no-trump after West led the heart seven, and East put in the 10?

South's opening bid of two no-trump showed a good 20 to a poor 22 points. (I am not fond of the modern 20-21. That means you either force to game with a balanced 24 points or have two clubs – two diamonds – two no-trump show 22-24 points, which is an uncomfortably wide range.)

Three declarers played the contract. The first won trick one with the heart king and immediately finessed the club queen. However, East won with the king and returned his last heart: down two.

The second declarer saw that he did not need the club finesse. After winning the first trick, he led the club queen (to tempt a cover) but put up dummy's ace when West played low. The king didn't drop, so he led a second club. Nonetheless, the result was the same: down two.

The third declarer used the Rule of 11. Subtracting the value of the card led (seven) from 11, he knew there were four cards higher than the seven in the other three hands, and he had seen all of them. Therefore, West had several heart tricks ready to run if East got on play. To try to stop this from happening, South played his heart four at trick one. With the hearts 6-2, he could no longer go down.

The moral is: Paws (sic!) at trick one.

North 03-04-20
♠ A 2
♥ 8 3
♦ 9 4 2
♣ A 10 9 8 5 4

West
♠ 10 4
♥ A J 9 7 6 2
♦ J 8 3
♣ 7 6

East
♠ J 9 8 7 6
♥ 10 5
♦ Q 10 7 6
♣ K 3

South
♠ K Q 5 3
♥ K Q 4
♦ A K 5
♣ Q J 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 7

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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	1			3		2		7
3				7	2	5		
9			6		5			4
		5	9	4				1
5		8		9			7	
4		7		5		8		2
				6				

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

3	1	8	9	6	2	4	5	7
2	5	6	7	8	4	1	3	9
7	4	9	1	5	3	2	8	6
1	3	2	8	9	7	5	6	4
9	6	5	2	4	1	8	7	3
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6	9	1	3	2	8	7	4	5
5	8	3	4	7	9	6	2	1
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It's your duty: Vote next Tuesday

Anna Layer
Opinion Maker

The Michigan 2020 primary election is less than a week away. Some of you were not aware of this. Some of you don't care. Some of you won't vote. Some of you think our system is utterly, irrevocably broken, and it's easy to understand why. All of this, however, does not mean you should skip out on voting next Tuesday.

Your vote matters. Your voice matters. Even if you have no opinion, and you simply have no regard for the outcome of the election, you are still part of this society and in order to gain an accurate representation of the will of the people, every able person should participate in our country's democratic process.

There are skeptics who claim that the process is flawed and that votes are somehow cast illegally, therefore they refuse to appear at their local polling location for any election. These people seem unaware of how easy it is to become an active contributor to the voting process. Did you know that by reaching out to your local voting location, you could potentially become a certified election inspector and actually be one of the parties responsible for your community's election process? The process is free and straightforward, and people as young as 16 years old can participate. Additionally, you get paid for your work during the day of the election. Most employers will grant employees the day off to serve at their local precinct on voting day. If your faith in the voting process is flailing, this is a solution that allows you input, provides you with a means to see the validation process, and ensure that local elections are conducted with integrity. Additionally, it will be easy for you to vote because you're already on site, if you're serving in your designated voting location.

Some people don't vote because they believe it to be a day-ruining chore. Perhaps there are locations where the line to vote appears daunting and endless, so the idea of wasting away while casting a vote seems futile when the chosen candidate eventually loses. Most voting locations work like a well oiled machine, and are capable of moving people through quite efficiently, especially when voters are educated and informed about the candidates before they enter the booth. Once a ballot is complete, submitting the ballot is easy and they even give you a sticker at the end.

For people who don't vote because they do not believe the vote of one person can make any difference in our world, please do this: imagine if there are millions of other people out there that would vote for the same candidate as you, and you all decide to abstain from voting for the same reason. The extra half hour of sleep in the morning won't feel quite as nice as contributing to a better future for our country. The extra half hour of television time after dinner that evening will not care about the issues that directly impact your family, your community and you. Take that time and give it to the candidate that you believe will do their best to make your life better.

Surely, there is no perfect candidate on the ballot. We will likely never find a politician that we can say we emphatically agree with on every single issue. That's because humans are complex beings with unique perspectives and multiple dimensions of needs and desires. No two will ever be identical when it comes to values and beliefs. Sometimes we have to put our faith in the next best thing, or the closest match, or the monster that scares us the least.

Not voting in today's current political climate is borderline shameful. You need to vote like it's the last thing you'll do. Vote like it's 1999 and Y2K is back. Even if you genuinely have no preference about who leads our country, surely you know a person who cannot vote yet, and they might. Ask a child who they would vote for, and then go give them a voice. Voting is a luxury that many people around the world do not enjoy, and Americans take it for granted constantly. If you're not voting, you better not be complaining. If you're not voting, what is it that you think you are doing?

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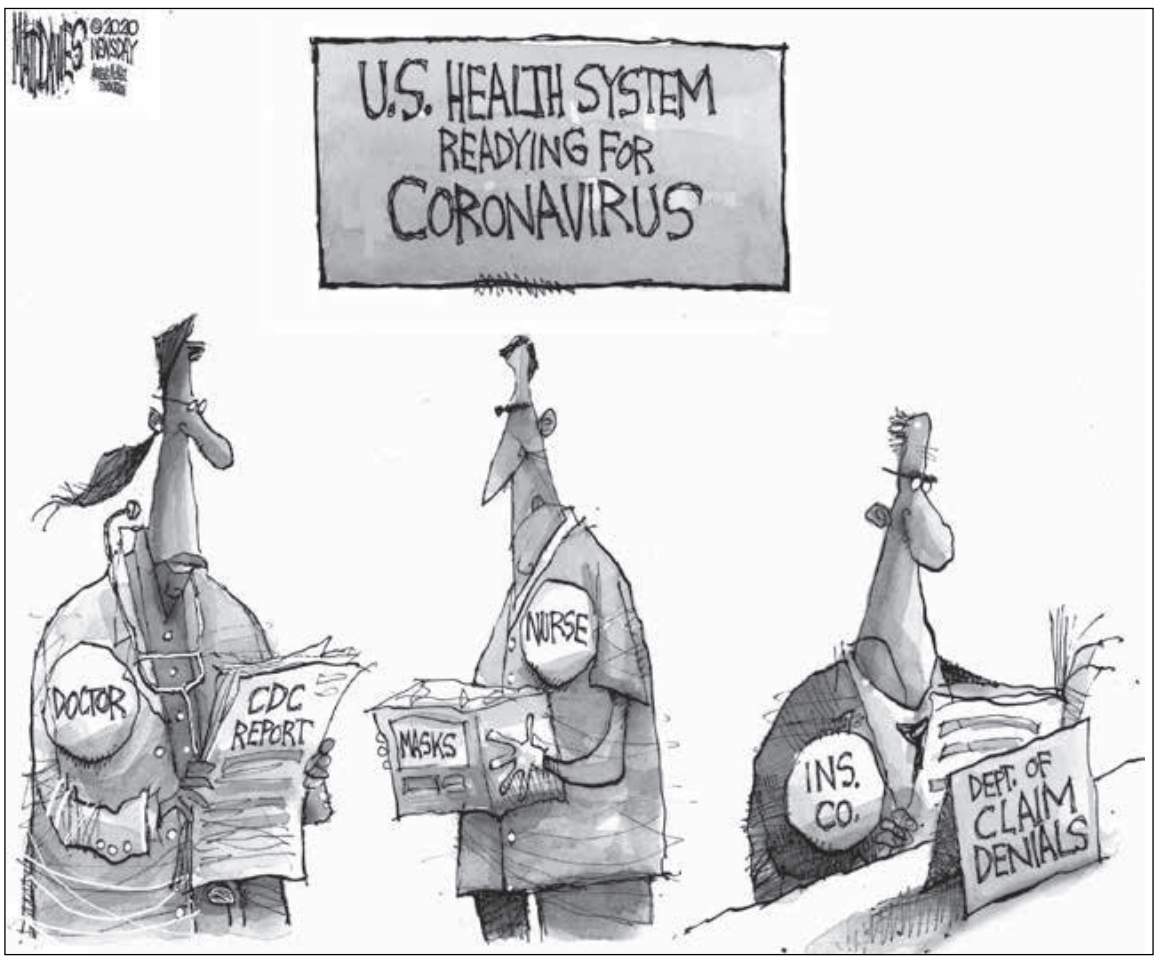
Hey, face-touchers, knock it off already

By MARY SCHMICH



Stop touching your face. I mean it! Stop. Touching. Your. Face.

Did you just touch your face?

You probably did. I'd bet 82 percent of readers have touched their face since beginning this column. I know this because it's almost impossible for the average person to go half a minute without wiping their eyes or their nose or their mouth, without scratching their cheek or their brow or their chin, without indulging in the compulsive hand-to-face behaviors that remind us we're not that far removed from the chimpanzees.

OK, I exaggerate. According to one study, the average person touches their face 23 times an hour, which is only every 2.6 minutes.

If you've been paying attention to the coronavirus news – who can avoid it? – then you know that there are a couple of things you, as a concerned citizen, can do to diminish the risk of catching this global killer.

The first is to wash your hands, thoroughly and often. Sing "Happy Birthday" two times through before you stop. Don't forget your fingernails. Don't dry on that dirty towel.

The other top preventive measure? The one that's less familiar and so much harder? Stop touching your face.

(Uh-oh. Just as I finished the previous sentence, my inner chimpanzee forced me to gently scratch my forehead.)

The edict on face-touching shouldn't be hard to obey. And yet it is. It's like hearing, "Don't think of an elephant." Or, if you're me, it's like hearing, "Don't eat all the M&Ms in the bag." Tell me not to do it, and reflexively I will.

I'm a face-toucher in any season – I cup my chin when I'm thinking, I wipe my eyes, I rub my nose – but it's only now, in the rat-a-tat-tat of coronavirus warnings that I've become self-conscious about it. At least I'm in good company, which I know because on Friday I saw a CNN video clip of former Vice President Joe Biden talking about the virus. Twice, within a minute or so, he brushed the area above his lip with a forefinger, first the right forefinger, then the left. His rhetoric was good, but his body language called for instant quarantine.

Not touching your face isn't a novel health warning. It's a standard admonition when we talk of ways to prevent colds and the flu. But it's rarely issued as loudly as it has been in the days since it became clear that the coronavirus has jumped American borders.

(Uh-oh. My inner chimp made me wipe my right eye after writing that sentence.)

When you start thinking about not touching your face, you begin to think of all the things you touch before your hands make it to your face. Filthy door handles, gross elevator buttons, gooey turnstiles, snot-encrusted bus poles.

Long before we'd heard of the coronavirus, I'd trained myself to negotiate those surfaces whenever possible with my elbows, knuckles or forearms instead of my palms or fingertips. Even so, in a coronavirus age, that doesn't seem safe enough. Some invisible scourge could easily make it onto your hands.

So how to stop face-touching? The internet offers various primers, some of them created for teenagers with acne, but the principles apply to coronavirus prevention too. Unfortunately, these tips aren't as easy to follow as they sound.

Keep your hands busy.

OK, I'm doing that right now – I'm typing. And yet somehow my chin just wound up cupped in my hand while my index finger rubbed the side of my face. And who knows what toxin lives on this keyboard.

Substitute touching your face with another behavior.

Like what? Eating more M&Ms?

Wear gloves.

Nope.

Sit on your hands while you're sitting.

Not a useful tip for people who earn their living writing.

Identify your triggers to help you anticipate temptation. If you touch your face when you're stressed or anxious, meditate.

My inner chimp just made me wipe my eyes after reading about stress. But om.

Post notes reminding yourself not to touch your face – on your computer, at your desk, in the car.

Hmm. That may be worth a try because, really, we need to stop touching our faces. My inner chimp will try if yours will. Good luck.

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ANOTHER OPINION

Klobuchar can hold her head up high

Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar abruptly ended her presidential bid on Monday, one day before her home state's presidential primary, where she had been running ahead late last month.

Her decision is a blow to voters in this state who were excited to cast a ballot for a hometown candidate who represented some of the best Minnesota has to offer. But Minnesotans can still be proud that Klobuchar conducted a campaign with integrity, common sense and strong respect for the middle ground that so many Americans prefer.

Even when running behind better-funded and better-known candidates, Klobuchar refused to pander to voters. She told them hard truths about what was possible and how best to achieve the progress needed on so many fronts. In a race that started out with a field so large that debates were staged over two nights, Klobuchar managed to outlast many of the candidates. Her moderate message resonated widely enough to bring her a number of endorsements, including from the Star Tribune Editorial Board.

But after a surprisingly strong third-place finish in New Hampshire, Klobuchar began to trail badly, coming in sixth in Nevada and South Carolina. Then came the debacle of a planned rally in St. Louis Park on Sunday night that was thwarted by activists who took over the stage and prevented Klobuchar from speaking.

Activists are upset about a case Klobuchar prosecuted as Hennepin County attorney. Myon Burrell was tried and convicted of the 2002 murder of 11-year-old Tyesha Edwards. The case later was tried a second time and reviewed by the Minnesota Supreme Court. An Associated Press report recently raised questions about inconsistencies in the case. Klobuchar has said any new evidence should be reviewed, and last week Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman defended her handling of the case and said it "should not be treated like a political football."

But protesters felt that wasn't enough. They are entitled to make their concerns known and pursue options for overturning the conviction, but they went too far by preventing Klobuchar from speaking at all. Their all-or-nothing approach is what has contributed to deep polarization in this country. Mob rule is never good, no matter what side it comes from.

Klobuchar, true to form, is packing away her own disappointments and within hours was planning to join her presidential-race rival Pete Buttigieg in endorsing former Vice President Joe Biden at a rally in Dallas. It's not easy to shutter one's own campaign on a day's notice and immediately begin stumping for someone else. Minnesota can be proud of Klobuchar for taking a hard blow but barely pausing in the fight for a larger goal.

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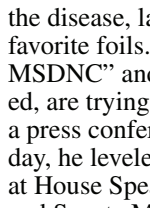
A eulogy for competence

Leonard Pitts



Consider this a eulogy for competence.

It's an appreciation long overdue, but then, competence – the quality of being equal to the situation, of knowing what to do – was always easy to overlook. You learned to expect it, to take it for granted.

Competence was not sexy.

Another reason this eulogy is overdue is that the loss of competence – meaning federal government competence – is not recent. To the contrary, competence has been gone since January 2017.

But the events of the last week make this an especially appropriate time for a eulogy. Seldom has the absence of competence seemed more glaring. Seldom have we been able to draw such a direct line between that absence and threats to our physical and financial health.

The mixed-up, mixed-messaging misadventures of the Trump regime as it struggled to frame a coherent response to the novel coronavirus threat was a master class in what happens in a post-competence world once a critical mass of voters decides that stupidity is authenticity and ignorance some form of native genius. It was frightening and yet perversely fascinating to watch.

In a moment that cried out for a president to be presidential, you instead had Donald Trump, having previously assured us warm weather would dispatch the disease, lashing out at his favorite foils. "Fake News MSDNC" and CNN, he tweeted, are trying to create panic. In a press conference last Wednesday, he leveled the same charge at House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, who have criticized his response to the threat.

During that same press conference, Trump said Johns Hopkins University rates the United States "No. 1 for being prepared." As proof, he held up a piece of paper with a chart printed on it. Trump likened the coronavirus to the flu and played down the threat it poses. "We really have done a very good job," he said. Then he announced Vice President Pence would lead the response to the virus. Pence's scientific acumen can perhaps be judged by his insistence that climate change is a "myth" and his claim in 2000 that "smoking doesn't kill."

The markets, not surprisingly, were not reassured; they spent most of the week in free fall. Nor were health officials. In contrast to Trump's litany of vague reassurances, the CDC – whose budget Trump wants to slash, by the way – said the stateside spread of the disease is "inevitable" and advised Americans to brace for "significant disruption."

"But we're very, very ready for this," said Trump. Yeah. Sure we are.

Some have likened all this to the Bush administration's laggard response to Hurricane Katrina. But here's the thing: That failure was noteworthy precisely because it was unexpected, flying in the face of what you looked for from the federal government.

But who among us didn't expect this? Who would've bet the farm that, in the face of a global crisis, the Trump regime would act with the coordinated precision of circus acrobats? No one, that's who. Circus clowns maybe, but acrobats? No.

Some of us have spent the last few years pretending it doesn't matter, pretending you could indulge, normalize and make excuses for gross incompetence in the most powerful office in the world and there would be no impact, no price to pay.

It was always a lie, always a triumph of ideology and agenda over common sense and as such, always destined to unravel. Now, perhaps, it does. We are teetering on the edge of pandemic, our lives and fortunes at stake. And our leader is an idiot.

Competence has rarely been so dearly missed.

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OBITUARIES

Herbert W. Antonowitsch

Dec. 13, 1951 – Feb. 28, 2020

Herbert W. Antonowitsch, 68, of Benton Harbor passed away Friday, Feb. 28, 2020, at Spectrum Heart Center in Grand Rapids, Mich.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, March 6, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with the Rev. Ruth Zwald officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 4-6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial donations in Herb's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Those wishing to sign Herb's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Herb was born Dec. 13, 1951, in Benton Harbor, to Theodore and Gertraud (Wegner) Antonowitsch. He graduated from Benton Harbor High School, class of 1970. Herb joined his father Ted in the family business – Quality Builders, which he continued to operate, along with Scott Lake Campground in Bloomingdale, Mich. In his free time, Herb enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his family and many friends, especially his grandchildren.

Herb is survived by his mother, Gertraud Antonowitsch of St. Joseph; two sons, Erik (Brandy) Antonowitsch of Coloma and David (Cara) Antonowitsch of St. Joseph; two grandchildren, Ava and Isla Antonowitsch; his long-time significant other, Janet Loomis; two sisters, Chris (W.G. "Bo") Smith of Sarasota, Fla., and Angelika (Bill) Colpitts of Rolling Prairie, Ind; his brother, Paul (Kris) Antonowitsch of Kalamazoo; two nephews, Kurt Antonowitsch and Ryan Colpitts; and friends too numerous to mention.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ted.

Vonda L. Johnson

Oct. 3, 1932 – Feb. 29, 2020

Vonda L. Johnson, 87, of St Joseph, formerly of Coloma passed at Woodland Terrace in Bridgman on Feb. 29, 2020.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home in Coloma, where the family will receive friends beginning at 11 a.m. Cremation will follow. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association – Michigan Great Lakes Chapter or Caring Circle Hospice. Those wishing to leave an online message of remembrance may do so at www.duffieldpastrick.com.

The family would like to thank the staff of Woodland Terrace and Caring Circle for their compassion, care and love during this difficult journey.

Vonda was born Oct. 3, 1932, in Parkersburg, Ill., to Cloella and George Bicanich. She married the love of her life, Don Johnson, on Feb. 24, 1951, in Chicago. They spent 69 loving years together as constant companions, enjoying life and raising their family. She was very close to her son, Don, and daughter, Sue. Her fondness for her grandchildren could never be rivaled. Her life was also enriched by three great-grandchildren whom she showered with affection.

Vonda worked at New Products Corporation, Benton Harbor, for 37 years, retiring in 1997. She was an active member of the First Congregational Church in Coloma, where she ushered and served as the church treasurer.

Vonda is survived by her husband, Don; her children, Donald Johnson of Wayne, Mich., and Susan (Larry) Weeks of St. Joseph; four grandchildren, Chad (Katie) Weeks, Krystle (Greg) Winnell, Michael (Noor) Johnson and Kimberly Michelle Johnson; great-grandchildren, Zofia Weeks, Taylor Winnell and Austin Winnell; sister-in-law, Betty Bicanich; brother-in-law, Roy (Laura) Johnson; sister-in-law, Nancy Kase; and several nieces and nephews.

Vonda was preceded in death by her parents, Cloella and Michael Antonelli and George and Edna Bicanich; a brother, George Bicanich; mother-in-law, Nancy Johnson and her husband Roy; sister-in-law, Doris Ciofalo and her husband John; brother-in-law, Stan Kase; and nephews, David Kase and Tom Ciofalo.

Kathryn Neumann

July 23, 1924 – Feb. 29, 2020

Kathryn was born July 23, 1924, in Monroe, Wis., and died Feb. 29, 2020, at Blanchard Valley Hospital under the caring staff in hospice.

She was the daughter of Christian and Kathryn Klarer, immigrants from Appenzell, Switzerland. She was a proud Swiss and spoke fluent Swiss as a child. She worked at the University of Wisconsin, where she met her husband Neil, who predeceased her in 2017. They were married 68 years before his death. She lived in Beloit, Wis., Marion, Ohio, St. Joseph, Mich., and eventually moved to Findlay, Ohio. The last three years were spent at Birchaven Heights where she made many new and special friends, including the staff who always were there for her.

She was an avid bridge player and golfer. She carded three hole-in-ones and nearly shot her age at 89. She and Neil took many golf vacations with friends and eventually purchased a condo in Fort Meyers, Fla., where they spent many winters. She was a member of St. Michael the Archangel Church in Findlay and was a member of the Findlay Country Club.

She was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters, Frank, John, Marie, Agnes and Emil.

She is survived by her children, Jeff (Robyn) Neumann, Greg (Judy) Neumann and Dianne (Tom) Pratt; grandchildren: Julie, Steve, Brett, Luke, Alexa, Rachel and Stacy; and great-grandchildren: Parker, Bret, JT, Violet, Autumn, Sarah, Aubrey, Lochlann, Peyton, Liam and Owen.

Visitation will be held from 9-10 a.m. Tuesday, March 10, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 750 Bright Road, Findlay, Ohio, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be held at the conclusion of the visitation at 10 a.m. Father Michael Zacharias will officiate. Burial will occur at a later date in Riverview Cemetery, St. Joseph. Coldren-Crates Funeral Home in Findlay are handling the arrangements. Online condolences are welcomed at www.coldrencrates.com.

Thomas Dale Davis II

Nov. 26, 1955 – March 1, 2020

Thomas Dale Davis II, 64, of Benton Harbor passed away Sunday, March 1, 2020, at his residence.

A graveside funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Lakeshore Cemetery on Eaman Road in Hagar Township. Duffield and Pastrick Family Funeral Home is assisting the family. Those wishing to leave a message or share a memory with the family online may do so at www.duffieldpastrick.com. Memorials in Dale's honor may be made to the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan.

Dale was born in St. Joseph on Nov. 26, 1955, to Thomas and Nancy Davis. Following his graduation from Eau Claire High School, Dale began his trucking career. For 40 years he hauled fruit and vegetables for local farmers in the Eau Claire area during the summer and then delivered Christmas trees to Oklahoma every winter. He was an avid bass fisherman and was the head of the Master Casters Fishing Club. On March 27, 1998, he and Marlene Chabot were married in Las Vegas. Dale was a loving father and grandfather who never met a stranger.

Dale is survived by his wife, Marlene; his two children, Thomas (Angie) Davis III and Nikki (Jerry) Joanis, both of St. Joseph; his mother, Nancy Davis of Eau Claire; two brothers, Darryl Davis and Doug (Linda) Davis, and a sister, Debbie (Kevin) Layman, all of Eau Claire; three grandchildren, Molly and Maggie Joanis and Hayden Davis; and his beloved dogs, Louie, Kramer, Jazzy and Cody.

Dale was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Davis Sr.

Death notices

Cyrus Bradshaw, 89, formerly of Kalamazoo, died Feb. 27, 2020. Betzler & Thompson Life Story Funeral Home, Paw Paw, 657-3870.

Thomas "Dale" Davis II, 64, of Benton Harbor died March 1, 2020, at home. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

Glynn Allen Dunn, 58, of Benton Harbor died March 2, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Pamela A. Gillespie, 64, of Benton Harbor died Feb. 27, 2020, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Elane Patricia "Pat" Gutschow, 87, of Niles died Feb. 28, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Halbritter Wickens Funeral Home, Niles, 683-3000.

Theodore C. Hartline, 66, of Buchanan died March 2, 2020, at home. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Robert G. Kamradt, 87, of Bridgman died Feb. 29, 2020, at Mercy Health Hackley Campus, Muskegon, Mich. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Kathryn Neumann, 95, of Findlay, Ohio, formerly of St. Joseph died Feb. 29, 2020, at Blanchard Valley Hospital, Findlay. Coldren-Crates Funeral Home, Findlay, (419) 422-2323.

Abigail Rivera Perez, 43, of Eau Claire died Feb. 5, 2020, at home. Heritage Chapel and Cremation Services, Berrien Springs, 471-2700.

Daniel L. "Danny" Ruple, 65, formerly of Hartford died Feb. 24, 2020, at home in Georgia. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Patresa "Patt" Shelton, 64, of Niles died March 2, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Osceola Wilson "Osie" Skinner, 95, of Niles died March 3, 2020, at home. Halbritter Wickens Funeral Home, Niles, 683-3000.

Mary G. Wagner, 86, of Niles died March 1, 2020, at West Woods of Niles. Halbritter Wickens Funeral Home, Niles, 683-3000.

Vicki Walls, 66, of Niles died March 2, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Robert George Kamradt

Nov. 22, 1932 – Feb. 29, 2020

Robert George Kamradt, 87, of Bridgman passed away on Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020, at Mercy Health Hackley Campus in Muskegon, Mich.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 7, at Shoreline Christ Fellowship, 209 Ellis Ave., Muskegon, MI 49442, with Pastor Michael Hubbard officiating. Friends may meet with the family from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, March 5, at Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Hwy., Bridgman. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery, Bridgman. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Robert was born Tuesday, Nov. 22, 1932, in Benton Harbor, the son of the late George Henry and Lavinia (Gertrude) Kamradt. He graduated from Benton Harbor High School class of 1951. While stationed at Fort Knox in the U.S. Army, he met his wife, Virginia "Ruth" Newman, and they were married on March 9, 1957. She preceded him in death on Oct. 10, 2004. They made their home in Bridgman in 1969. Robert was a engineer for Clark Equipment for 35 years.

Survivors include his sons, Daniel (Joyce) Kamradt and Keith (Mary) Kamradt; two grandchildren, Linda (Brady) Jester and David Kamradt; one great-granddaughter, Hannah Jester; nieces and nephews, Craig (Colleen) Kamradt, Chris (Ronnie) Kamradt, Steve (Leslie) Newman and Gwen (Richard) Bray; and dear friend, Nadine Petty.

Robert was preceded by his brother, Edwin Kamradt.

Theodore Clyde Hartline

April 10, 1953 – March 2, 2020

Theodore Clyde Hartline, 66, of Buchanan passed away unexpectedly on Monday, March 2, 2020, at his home.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 7, at Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Hwy., Bridgman. Friends may meet with the family from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery. Memorials can be given to Buchanan Field of Dreams Dog Park, 501 W. Front St., Buchanan, MI 49107. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Ted was born April 10, 1953, in St. Joseph, the son of the late Clyde and Frances (Bartel) Hartline. On July 20, 1973, Ted married the love of his life, Denice Louise Barnes. When he wasn't at home with his man's best friend, DJ, eating pretzels and sunflower seeds, watching his favorite sports teams, Notre Dame, Cubs and Bears, you would find him at the gym. Theodore was an avid pickleball player, spending countless hours playing against his closest friends at Red Bud Fitness Center in Buchanan.

Survivors include his wife, Denice; children, Tania (Franklin) Montgomery, Rebecca (Dan) Wilson and Jeffery Scoggin; grandchildren: Jasmine Ward, Megan Ward, Mackenzie (Stanley) Laity, Anthony Ward Jr., Corrina Montgomery, Cody Montgomery, Tyler Wessendorf, Desiree (Wyatt) Pfeifer and Michaela (Joey) Nate; two great-grandchildren; sisters, Judy (Martin) Nelson and Mary (Richard) Herrman; his best friend and brother, Thomas (Joann) Hartline; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Daniel Lee 'Danny' Ruple

April 27, 1954 – Feb. 24, 2020

On Monday, Feb. 24, 2020, Daniel Lee "Danny" Ruple passed away at his home in Georgia.

Danny was born and raised in Hartford. He was 65 years old; he would've been 66 years old on April 27. He was a very special person. At 12 years of age, he tried to help an injured dog out on I-94; he was a Boy Scout at that time.

Danny loved his NASCAR and Detroit Lions. His favorite clothes were bib overalls and sweatshirts. He always wore a hat and had a long beard. His most favorite pastime was picking on his family and his friends. Danny worked for the City of Hartford and Coloma Township for many years.

Danny is survived by his son, Daniel Jr. and his wife, Betsy; and daughter, Dana and her husband, Rick. He also had three very special girls – his granddaughters, Adelle, Harper and Krystin, who he loved very much. He is also survived by his brothers, Eddie Jr. (Brenda), Robert, Larry (Edna), Jimmy and Greg; his sisters, Sharon (Mike), Brenda Sue, Mary, Debbie (Greg), Cindy (Harry) and Julie; and several nieces and nephews.

Danny was preceded in death by his parents, Stan, Donna and Margaret Ruple; a sister, Kathy Boyer; a very special niece, Heather Rains; two brothers-in-law, Jim Boyer and Jim Smith; a very special long-time companion, Linda Hester; and lots of special friends.

There will be a memorial service for Danny at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at the Van Buren Sportsmen's Club in Hartford. Everyone is welcome; please come out and join the family. Bring your memories and talk about all the good times. Any donations will go to help the family with final expenses.

Abigail Rivera Perez

July 15, 1976 – Feb. 5, 2020

Mr. Abigail Rivera Perez, 43, of Eau Claire passed away Feb. 5, 2020, at his home.

A Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, March 6, at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, 429 Rosehill Road, Berrien Springs. Friends may visit from 10-11 a.m. Friday at the church. Those wishing to share a memory of Mr. Perez online may do so at www.heritage-chapel.com.

ADHD diagnoses increasing in black kids, report suggests

By MIKE STOBBE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — For the first time, a U.S. survey found that black children appear to be more likely than white kids to be diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and other learning disabilities.

Previous studies had found the diagnosis was far more likely in white kids.

It's not known what might have driven the change described in Wednesday's report, said lead author Benjamin Zablotsky of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In past studies that found higher rates of ADHD diagnoses in white kids, researchers hypothesized there were racial differences in access to health professionals or perhaps racial differences in attitudes that make white parents more likely to seek an ADHD diagnosis than black parents.

The new study is a based on three years of data – 2016 through 2018 – from a national in-person survey, and represents about 23,000 children ages 3 to 17. About 17 percent of black children had ever been diagnosed, compared with about 15 percent of white kids and about 12 percent of Hispanic kids, the report found.

The survey question asked about ADHD and "other learning disabilities" but didn't define what they might be. Some examples might include dyslexia or reading comprehension problems. It's not clear to what extent the bottom-line statistics are influenced by conditions other than ADHD, Zablotsky said.

Paul Morgan, a Penn State University researcher, noted the CDC report is based only on what parents said. The researchers didn't look at medical records to confirm the rates.

But there are good reasons why ADHD may be as or more common in black kids, he said. Experts have long believed black kids were under-diagnosed, and that they are at higher risk of conditions that can lead to ADHD, such as lead poisoning or low birthweight.

ADHD has been called the most commonly diagnosed mental health disorder in U.S. children, with more than 6 million kids diagnosed. The condition makes it hard for children to pay attention and control impulsive behaviors. It's often treated with drugs, behavioral therapy, or both.

Children living in poor families were more likely to be diagnosed with ADHD or other learning disabilities than kids in affluent households, the new CDC report found.

The children of parents with less than a high school education were similarly more likely to have a diagnosis, the report said.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

Brett Wyngarden, the Detroit Tigers' minor league catcher from St. Joseph, is caught in the middle of the Major League Baseball strike. The players' union said all minor league players would be considered scabs if they played alongside replacement players in exhibition games. But for Wyngarden, the decision to play came down to his future. "I see this as an opportunity to change my circumstances."

35 years ago – 1985

Williams Brothers Paper Box Co. of St. Joseph celebrated its 20th anniversary under the ownership of Stephen Murphy and Philip Faccenda with a lunch for employees and retirees.

Williams Brothers Paper Box Co., a manufacturer of paperboard products, was founded in 1903 by brothers Frank and Fred Williams. Murphy and Faccenda bought the business in 1965 from John and Edwin Williams. The company currently operates at 1101 Broad St., its location since 1904, and also at 385 W. Main St., Benton Harbor. The main products manufactured today are gift boxes and gameboards.

50 years ago – 1970

Fred Murray announced his resignation as Benton Harbor High School principal, effective June 30. Murray said he plans to return to Florida, where he is considering a job in the Miami area as a district superintendent. He was hired in 1969 to replace Lionel Stacey, who went to Lakeshore as a superintendent.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, March 4, the 64th day of 2020. There are 302 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On March 4, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated for a second term of office; with the end of the Civil War in sight, Lincoln declared: "With malice toward none, with charity for all."

On this date:

In 1789, the Constitution of the United States went into effect as the first Federal Congress met in New York. (The lawmakers then adjourned for lack of a quorum.)

In 1791, Vermont became the 14th state.

In 1793, George Washington was sworn in for a second term as president of the United States during a ceremony in Philadelphia.

In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge's inauguration was broadcast live on 21 radio stations coast-to-coast.

In 1933, Franklin D. Roosevelt took office as America's 32nd president.

In 1964, Teamsters president James Hoffa and three co-defendants were found guilty by a federal court in Chattanooga, Tennessee, of jury tampering.

In 1994, in New York, four extremists were convicted of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing that killed six people and injured more than a thousand.

In 1998, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that sexual harassment at work can be illegal even when the offender and victim are of the same gender

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Rain & Snow Possible	Partly Cloudy	Chance Showers	Rain & Snow Possible	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy
40°	31°	45° / 34°	36° / 29°	41° / 31°	50° / 42°

Local Outlook

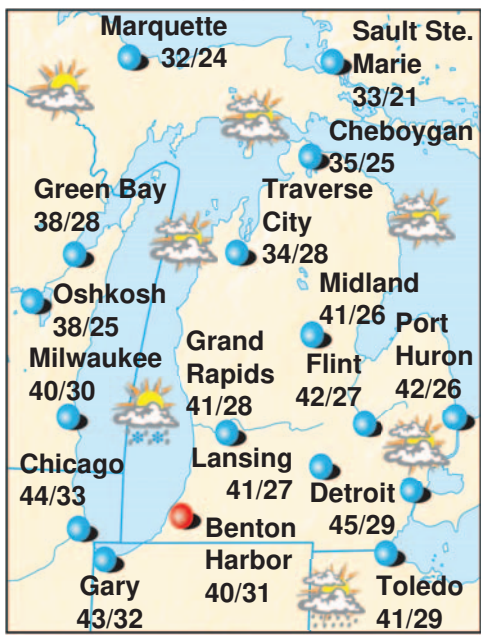
Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a 45% chance of rain and snow, high of 40°, humidity of 66%. West northwest wind 8 to 16 mph. Snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 31°. Southwest wind 2 to 10 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	7:15 a.m.
Sunset	6:40 p.m.
Moonrise	12:55 p.m.
Moonset	3:35 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
3/9	3/16	3/24	4/1

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	51°
Low	32°
Normal High	41°
Normal Low	25°
Record High	55° in 2008
Record Low	-4° in 2014

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.04"
Normal for month	0.24"
Year to date	4.96"
Normal Year to date	3.41"

Air Quality

Yesterday	41
Main Offender	Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

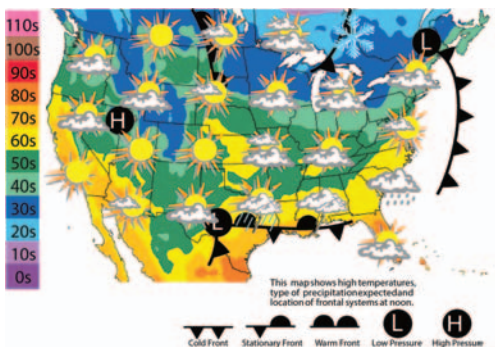
Weather Trivia

What U.S. city holds the record for the lowest high temperature?

Answer: Eureka, Calif., with a record high of only 87 degrees.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for March 4, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, W wind 7 to 16 kt. Cloudy through mid morning. Waves 3 to 4 ft. Water temperature 34 degrees. Tonight, W wind 6 to 9 kt. Mostly clear. Waves 2 to 3 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 30s. West wind 11 to 17 mph. Expect mostly cloudy to cloudy skies Thursday with isolated rain and snow showers, highs in the 30s. South southeast wind 6 to 13 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with isolated rain and snow, highs in the 40s. West northwest wind 8 to 16 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Thursday with isolated showers, highs in the 40s. South southwest wind 9 to 16 mph.

MASON JAR

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site plans, the building will have two floors. The bottom floor will be dedicated to the restaurant and the top floor will be used for apartments.

Cousins said they recognized there is a need for more living space in Benton Harbor.

For the proposed 3,500-square-foot restaurant, Cousins said the most important addition will be the new kitchen.

"We wanted it to have the same feel that we have already, but with a bigger kitchen," Cousins said. "The kitchen will be three times bigger than the one we have now."

The new location would also have a similar amount of seating.

Mason Jar Cafe, which opened in May 2014, is known as a farm-to-table breakfast and lunch restaurant. The restaurant has become a main fixture in the Benton Harbor Arts District, drawing a number of tourists and residents to the area.

In moving locations, Cousins said it was important for them to own the building. Cousins and Martinez then learned their contractor had bought the property along Park and 5th streets.

"(Our contractor) called me and said 'I think I might have your solution,'" Cousins said. "We walked over the property and it is really what we're looking for. We wanted to stay in that circle and still be visible."

With a bigger kitchen, Cousins hinted at hiring more people. The new spot would have a bar area to accommodate the liquor license that Mason Jar Cafe recently secured.

Cousins said they are hoping to eventually serve dinner. However, she said that has yet to be decided.

Assuming the environmental study goes through without a hitch, Mason Jar Cafe's site plans would need final approval before construction starts.

As for what will happen to the original location at 210 Water St., Cousins said they are exploring their options.

"We have some ideas," Cousins said with a smile. "I don't want to say too much."

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Owners of the Mason Jar Cafe are considering a move to Park and 5th streets in downtown Benton Harbor. The property was given rezoning approval Tuesday.

FIREWORKS

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Michigan to provide crowd control for the fireworks display, which attracts an estimated 50,000 people to South Haven. The city's Department of Public Works also spends a considerable amount of work ahead of time preparing for the event by putting up temporary fences and road detour signs to guide people coming and going from town to see the fireworks.

TECHNOLOGY

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They were also taken through the building to learn how an app can be connected to an appliance.

Afterward, students were divided into their teams and made their elevator pitch to three judges.

Students brought cardboard posters and used slideshow presentations to give judges a clear idea of what their mobile app can do.

Kyra Lewis, 13, told the judges she was surprised during the research portion of the project by the number of homeless people in the U.S.

"This was meant to provide a means to direct those in need and to help them find things like food, clothing and shelter," Kyra said.

Her group created an app called "Support the People," which helped point those from low-income areas to life-saving resources in Southwest Michigan.

One group of students pitched the idea of an app called "Mobile Crime Alert."

Students told judges the app would allow users to report a crime in specific areas. They also showed the evolution of how the app came to be from its beginning stages.

In the end, judges couldn't decide on the best app among the three groups of students – as the final results revealed a three-way tie.

"They are the ones who will eventually be working with us," Fominaya said, "so starting them early with technology is beneficially for everyone."

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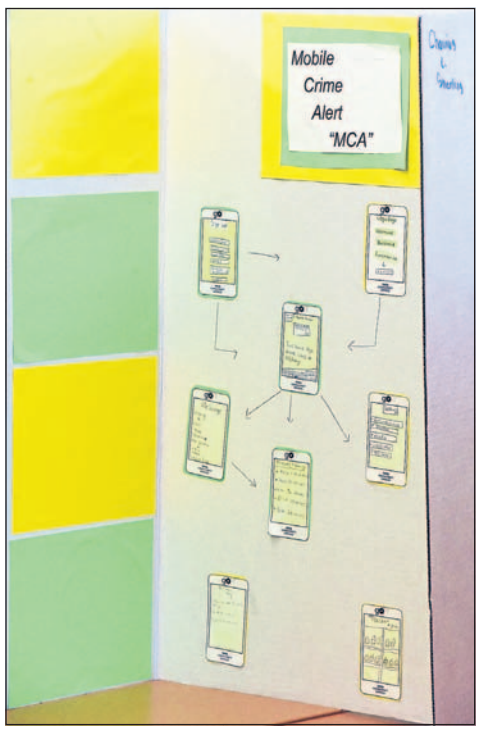

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Teams of Arts & Communications Academy students present apps they developed.

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Michigan State's Xavier Tillman Sr. (23) tries to get past Penn State's Mike Watkins during the first half of Tuesday's game.

Big Ten is all tied up

Tillman leads No. 16 Spartans to comeback win

By TRAVIS JOHNSON
Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Tom Izzo thought his No. 16 Michigan State squad lacked toughness earlier this season.

Michigan St. 79 Penn St. 71

To his pleasure, the Spartans played their grittiest game all year and gave themselves a chance to win what Izzo calls the most physical conference.

Xavier Tillman Sr. scored 23 points and had 15 rebounds to lead Michigan State over No. 20 Penn State 79-71 on Tuesday night. After No. 9 Maryland's loss to Rutgers, the Terps and Spartans are tied for the top spot in the Big Ten with one game to go.

"If you take care of your own business, then you deserve to have something happen," Izzo said. "Until we beat Iowa, Maryland and Penn State, we didn't deserve it. We dug ourselves a hole."

Rocket Watts added 18 points, Cassius Winston had 14 and Aaron Henry scored 12 for the Spartans (21-9, 13-6 Big Ten) who erased a 46-31 halftime deficit to win their fourth straight.

But they kept digging that hole beforehand.

The Spartans trailed by as many as 19 with 4:15 left in the first half, but scored the first nine points to start the second.

It sparked a dominant stretch of play in the paint for the Spartans who took their first lead of the game with 14:29 to play when Tillman dunked to make it 51-49.

Meanwhile, the Nittany Lions, who made 10 of 17 3-pointers in the first half, went 0-for-10 from long distance to start the second.

The Spartans continued to keep Penn State (21-9, 11-8) at bay from there and used a 14-6 run to take their biggest lead of the night, 65-55 with 9:41 left. John Harrar made

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Seniors shine for Tigers

Carlos Johnson's 33 leads BH boys hoops in senior night win over Brandywine

By MAXWELL HARDEN
HP Sports Writer

BENTON HARBOR — It was a senior night to remember for Carlos Johnson.

Benton Harbor's star senior tallied a game-high 33 points in an 85-61 win over Brandywine on Tuesday.

Benton Harbor 85 Brandywine 61

"You never know with senior night," Benton Harbor coach Corey Sterling said. "It was a great effort. I was just glad that I was able to get everyone in. These sort of games prepare us for the postseason next week."

The Bobcats went up 15-14 late in the first quarter, but that was the only lead they would enjoy. Leading 21-19 in the second quarter, the Tigers, ranked No. 1 in the Division 2 AP poll, used a 22-3 run to break the game open and took a 46-30 lead into halftime.

"We wanted this game," Brandywine coach Nathan Knapp said. "We know how good Benton Harbor is. You want to get challenged and you're not going to be challenged unless you play premier teams like them. They're so explosive; they come at you for 32 minutes."

The Bobcats trimmed the deficit to 10 points in the third quarter but that's as close as they got. The Tigers led by as many as 25 points after a Daniel Moore 3-pointer made it an 82-57 game in the fourth quarter.

Whether it was knocking down open shots, grabbing rebounds, or firing bullet passes to open teammates, Johnson was the engine that ran the Tigers. He scored 16 points in the first half and 17 in the second.

"He's the perfect player," Sterling said. "When he came out of the game I had a few tears in my eyes.

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Division dominance

Don Campbell / HP staff See more photos: heraldpalladium.mycapture.com

Lakeshore's bench reacts after the Lancers go on a 10-0 run during the first quarter of Tuesday night's game against Portage Central at Lakeshore High School.

Lakeshore routs Portage Central to win SMAC West title

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

STEVENSVILLE — Lakeshore pounded the ball inside for easy baskets, and made sure no shot was simple for Portage Central.

The Lancers left little doubt who the best boys basketball team in the Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference West Division was on Tuesday, easily defeating the Mustangs 53-27 to claim the outright division title.

Lakeshore 53 Port. Central 27

Lakeshore (9-1 SMAC West, 16-4) scored the game's first 13 points, and Portage Central (8-2, 16-3) never cut the margin to single digits. The Lancers led 19-2 after one quarter and 31-8 at halftime.

"That was probably the best half of basketball we played all year," Lakeshore coach Sean Schroeder said. "Our kids were dialed in, focused. We executed our offense very, very well. Defensively we were really good. We did everything we wanted to do. We rebounded well, we guarded their guys, we took their sets away. They had to take tough shots."

Portage Central defeated Lakeshore 41-35 on Jan. 31, a game both teams entered undefeated. Portage Northern knocked off its crosstown rival 69-66 in double overtime on Feb. 21, moving the Lancers back into a tie for the top spot.

"The first time we lost at their place, we were all kind of bummed," Lakeshore center Dylan Clem said. "When we heard Portage Northern beat them a couple weeks ago, we were like alright,

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Lakeshore's Ben Brower tries to save the ball from going out of bounds during the first half of Tuesday night's game.
Don Campbell / HP staff

St. Joseph's Wertanen eyes individual state wrestling title

Finals to be held this weekend at Ford Field

By AL AREND
HP Sports Correspondent

St. Joseph's Nolan Wertanen is the only area wrestler rated No. 1 in his weight class and division heading into this weekend's individual state finals at Ford Field in Detroit.

Wertanen, a sophomore who missed last year's state tourney due to a fractured wrist, sports a 42-2 record at 103 pounds in D2.

"I'd say he has an excellent chance of bringing home a state title," states Taylor Misel, St. Joseph's head coach. "In fact I wouldn't be surprised if the four semifinalist at his weight are the four kids who advanced out of our regional."

Wertanen is one of seven of the area's 43 state qualifiers in divisions 2, 3 and 4 that won regionals. The others are Lakeshore's Aaron Lucio (119) and Micah Hanau (130) plus Edwardsburg's Jacob Reece (145) in D2; Coloma heavyweight Cole Alsup in D3, and Decatur's Jared Checkley (171) and Lawton's Landyn VanWyk (140) in D4.

Area matmen rated third or higher besides Wertanen in Michigan Grappler's final individual rankings

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AREA STATE QUALIFIERS

Division 2

LAKESHORE – 112 Cam Litaker (29-7), 119 Aaron Lucio (37-6), 130 Micah Hanau (39-4), 135 Shane Williams (42-2), 160 Case Rohl (20-7), 215 – Zeke Rohl (38-5).
NILES – 103 Mikey Robles (29-5), 112 Jamison Zimmerman (30-5), 125 Ryan Franco (32-3), 135 Javond Ball (28-8), 140 Skylar Means (22-16), 145 Kade Wagley (28-10).
ST. JOSEPH – 103 – Nolan Wertanen (42-2), 125 Jacob Halsey (40-6).
EDWARDSBURG – 140 Jackson Hoover (33-5), 145 Jacob Reece (34-4), 171 Caden Reece (33-6), 189 Dillon Hursh (30-6).

Division 3

BRANDYWINE – 140 Hunter Heath (48-2).
COLOMA – 112 Caleb Ishmael (41-8), 145 Ian Ishmael (34-11), 285 Cole Alsup (44-3).
DOWAGIAC – 103 Jordan Simpson (43-8), 160 Lamberto Paredes (37-13), 215 Chris Schultz (20-13), 285 Wyatt Bailey (42-9).
PAW PAW – 135 Jason Rocz (34-10), 140 William Bradley (46-4), 152 Niko Martinez (41-7), 171 Ash Dean-Fabijancic (26-14).
SOUTH HAVEN – 130 Ray Woodall (43-10), 152 Trevor Winkel (43-9), 189 Jackson Calvert (43-7).
WATERVLIET – 112 – Trever Pelton (40-5), 189 Don Smith (25-9).

Division 4

DECATUR – 171 Jared Checkley (42-3), 285 Braden Ross (9-5).
LAWTON – 103 Dustin Mallory (42-14), 140 Landyn VanWyk (50-4), 145 Carter Cosby (36-14).
RIVER VALLEY – 135 Adam Forker (30-12).

IN BRIEF

Rose has sprained ankle, out at least 2 weeks

DETROIT (AP) — Pistons guard Derrick Rose has a sprained right ankle and is expected to be re-evaluated in two weeks.

The team announced Tuesday that Rose had an MRI that confirmed a grade two sprain. The 31-year-old Rose is averaging 18.1 points per game this season, his highest output since 2011-12.

Rose was injured in the first quarter of a loss at Sacramento on Sunday. The Pistons host Oklahoma City on Wednesday night.

Detroit also has signed forward/center Donta Hall to a second 10-day contract.

House call: Dr. J to attend his first Nets game in Brooklyn

NEW YORK (AP) — Dr. J is finally going to make a house call to the Nets in Brooklyn.

Julius Erving, perhaps the greatest player in the nomadic franchise's history, will be at Barclays Center on Friday when the Nets host the San Antonio Spurs.

Erving led the New York Nets to ABA championships in 1974 and 1976, but he was then sold to the Philadelphia 76ers when the Nets entered the NBA. Erving, who is originally from Long Island, played his entire NBA career with the 76ers and was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Nets owner Joseph Tsai called the high-flying Erving "the most iconic basketball great of our time."

"He turned flair into elegance and revolutionized the game," Tsai added in a statement. "I am thrilled that we are bringing Dr. J home to attend his first Brooklyn Nets game at Barclays Center."

The Nets, who once played on Long Island, moved from New Jersey to Brooklyn in 2012.

Erving's appearance at the game comes on what the Nets are calling "Marvel Super Hero Night featuring Black Panther." The first 10,000 fans will receive a Black Panther-inspired Dr. J bobblehead.

Ex-Michigan football players join list with sex abuse claims

ANN ARBOR (AP) — An attorney announced Tuesday that his firm represents more than a 40 people, including two former football players and an ex-hockey player, in the University of Michigan sexual abuse case.

Parker Stinar told The Associated Press that one of his new clients helped the Wolverines win the 1997 national championship in football and one went on to play in the NHL.

The university's president has apologized to "anyone who was harmed" by Dr. Robert E. Anderson, set up a hotline for others who have information to come forward and offered counseling services to those affected.

Denver-based Wahlberg, Woodruff, Nimmo & Sloane plans to host a news conference Wednesday night, following a second meeting with the school's vice president and general counsel Timothy Lynch.

The law firm also has a meeting scheduled Wednesday with the independent investigators the university has hired, Stinar said.

University of Michigan officials have acknowledged some university employees were aware of accusations against the doctor prior to the whistleblower's 2018 complaint that led to a police investigation.

AIRWAVES

Television today

1:00 p.m. (ESPN) **MLB Preseason Baseball** Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **MLB Preseason Baseball** Detroit Tigers at Minnesota Twins. (Live)
7:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Maryland at Rutgers. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Michigan State at Penn State. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Syracuse at Boston College. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Boston Bruins at Tampa Bay Lightning. (Live)
(TNT) **NBA Basketball** Brooklyn Nets at Boston Celtics. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Marquette at DePaul. (Live) CC
8:30 p.m. (NBCSCH) **NHL Hockey** Anaheim Ducks at Chicago Blackhawks. (Live)
9:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Purdue at Iowa. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Tennessee at Kentucky. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Texas at Oklahoma. (Live)
10:00 p.m. (TNT) **NBA Basketball** Philadelphia 76ers at Los Angeles Lakers. (Live) CC

Thursday

12:00 p.m. (NBCSCH) **NBA G League Basketball** Raptors 905 at Windy City Bulls. (Live)
1:00 p.m. (ESPN) **MLB Preseason Baseball** St. Louis Cardinals at New York Mets. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **Women's College Basketball** ACC Tournament, First Round: Teams TBA. (Live)
2:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Big Ten Tournament, First Round (Live)
3:30 p.m. (FoxDetroit) **Women's College Basketball** ACC Tournament, First Round (Live)
4:30 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Big Ten Tournament, First Round (Live)
6:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Xavier at Providence. (Live) CC
7:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Minnesota at Indiana. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **NBA Basketball** Indiana Pacers at Milwaukee Bucks. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Texas A&M at Auburn. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **NBA Basketball** Oklahoma City Thunder at Detroit Pistons. (Live)
(NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Philadelphia Flyers at Washington Capitals. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (NBCSCH) **NBA Basketball** Chicago Bulls at Minnesota Timberwolves. (Live)
8:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Villanova at Seton Hall. (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Northwestern at Wisconsin. (Live) CC
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Florida State at Notre Dame. (Live)
9:30 p.m. (ESPN) **NBA Basketball** New Orleans Pelicans at Dallas Mavericks. (Live)
(NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Anaheim Ducks at Colorado Avalanche. (Live)
(Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Commercial Bank Qatar Masters: First Round. (Live)

Radio today

5:30 p.m.
Girls basketball districts — Division 1 at Lakeshore: Kal. Central vs. Lakeshore (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)
7 p.m.
Girls basketball districts — Division 4 at River Valley: Michigan Lutheran vs. River Valley (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

Thursday

6:30 p.m.
College basketball — Nebraska at Michigan (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)
7 p.m.
High school basketball — Dowagiac at South Haven (WCSY-FM, 103.7)

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Toews is the NHL's all-time king of shootouts – but the Blackhawks captain wants to get rid of them

By PHIL THOMPSON
Chicago Tribune (TNS)

CHICAGO — Jonathan Toews owns the NHL record for most career shootout goals with 50, a mark he reached Saturday against the Panthers, but the Blackhawks captain would rather see tie games settled in overtime.

Toews and Patrick Kane both scored in Saturday's shootout victory in Florida, but both have said they would like to see the 3-on-3 overtime extended from five minutes to 10.

"I'm right there with him," Toews said after the morning skate before Tuesday night's game against the Ducks at the United Center. "And the shootout, we can end it.

"I can be the all-time leader and that'll be it," joked Toews, who passed the Red Wings' Frans Nielsen (49). "We'll turn the page on that. I like 3-on-3 as well."

The NHL instituted shootouts starting in the 2005-06 season for games tied after overtime. Eighty-two games have been decided via shootout this season, according to hockey-reference.com, and the Hawks are 4-4 record in such games.

They are 5-4 in games decided in overtime.

Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton also likes the idea of extending the 3-on-3 extra sessions.

"It would be fun," he said. "Everyone loves the five-minute 3-on-3. Probably have to lengthen your bench as far as how many guys you're using. Definitely an exciting time of the game."

The natural next question becomes whether eliminating shootouts would bring back ties.

Toews said it shouldn't come to that.

"Eventually someone's going to score in 3-on-3," he said. "Someone gets tired, there's a 2-on-1, pucks go back and forth. So I think that's a good way to finish it.

"I think fans like watching that too. Some nights you play a great game, you can't find a way to score 3-on-3, you lose in a shootout and you feel like you should have won the game."

Shootouts aren't going away for now, though, so Toews and Kane, who ranks third all time with 47 shootout goals, will keep doing what has worked for them so well.

Toews said it comes down to "keeping it simple and … really bearing down and keeping that focus. And it's nice to be able to convert in some of these big games that we need points."

Don Campbell / HP staff See more photos:heraldpalladium.mycapture.com
Lakeshore's Dylan Clem shoots over Portage Central's Jake Drews during the first half of Tuesday's game.

LANCERS

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we get a chance to get them for the whole thing. We wanted it outright, and it's awesome."

Clem scored nine of his team-high 11 points in the first quarter. All 19 Lancer points in the period were scored under the basket or at the free-throw line.

"We wanted to go inside a lot in the beginning," Clem said. "We did, and we were really successful."

Ben Brower and Ja'Kobe Young each had eight points and eight rebounds as Lakeshore held a 33-25 advantage on the boards.

The only stat where Lakeshore didn't fare well was 3-point shooting, missing all eight of its first-half attempts and finishing just 1 for 17.

"We still didn't shoot the ball great from 3, and we had great looks," Schroeder said. "The nice thing is, we can get better on offense. We hit three or four 3s and we're at 40-some points (at halftime)."

Portage Central played without Luke Leto, one of the nation's top baseball recruits, who was out with a separated shoulder. Grant Pikkaart scored 11 to lead the Mustangs, who shot just 24 percent for the game and only 16 percent in the first half.

"Since day one, since I was a freshman, you come in to varsity and (Schroeder) is like 'We're playing defense,'" Clem said. "We'll learn offense later, the first three weeks of practice we're doing defense. We're going to hold teams under 30. That's what we did."

LAKESHORE 53, PORTAGE CENTRAL 27

PORTAGE CENTRAL (27)
Humza Ejaz 0 3-3 3, Grant Pikkaart 4 2-3 11, Zac McDonald 3 0-0 7, Hunter Young 1 0-0 2, Alex Bowman 1 0-0 2, Matt Walsh 1 0-0 2. Totals: 10 5-8 27.

LAKESHORE (53)
Jonathan Worsham 1 0-0 2, Grant Ruddell 2 0-0 4, Riley Adams 1 0-0 2, JJ Bushu 1 4-6 6, Ben Brower 4 0-0 8, Ben Anderson 1 1-2 4, Ja'Kobe Young 4 0-0 8, Gavin Foster 4 3-4 11, Seth Shiel 1 0-0 2. Totals: 22 8-12 53.

P. Central	2	6	8	11	— 27
Lakeshore	19	12	12	10	— 53

3-point goals – Portage Central 2 (Pikkaart, MacDonald), Lakeshore 1 (Anderson). Total fouls – Portage Central 13, Lakeshore 11. Fouled out – none. Technical fouls – Pikkaart (PC), Brower (L). Rebounds – Portage Central 25 (Pikkaart 6), Lakeshore 33 (Brower 8, Young 8).

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TIGERS

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He's an awesome player and he's going to have a great career at Butler."

Senior Quindarius Davis scored 15 for Benton Harbor and Kentrell Pullian added 12. Seniors Joseph Johnson (six points), Louis Johnson (one point), William Suggs (three points), and Moore (six points) scored in their final home game.

"We have a great group of seniors," Sterling said. "We look forward to celebrating this group. The Benton Harbor community appreciates each and every one of them."

Kendall Chrismon led Brandywine with 24 points while Caleb Byrd and Jordan Abrams scored 13 and 10 points, respectively.

"I told our guys that we aren't going to get better unless we play better teams," Knapp said. "We need to box out at all times and we need to handle runs better. I wish they had an off night but I don't even want to know what their off night looks like. It was a great environment; everything you could ask for from a basketball game."

Benton Harbor (17-2) will face Wyoming (19-1) at 7:15 p.m. Thursday at Wyoming, while Brandywine (16-3) will play Berrien Springs (7-12) at 7:15 p.m. Thursday on the road.

Barnes-Timmons honored

Former Benton Harbor girls basketball star Quacy Barnes-Timmons had her jersey retired during halftime of Tuesday's game.

"I was so humbled," Barnes-Timmons said. "To come back and be honored in front of such a crowd in my hometown is awesome."

After a record-setting career at Benton Harbor from 1990-93, Barnes-Timmons went on to play at Indiana from 1994-98, and earned two All-Big Ten honors. She became the first player in school history to be selected in the WNBA Draft when she was chosen by the Sacramento Monarchs.

Following her playing career, Barnes-Timmons went on to coach at Indiana, Austin Peay, Eastern Illinois, Tuskegee, and Indiana State.

She is currently the head coach of East Coweta High School in Georgia.

"I've been doing a lot of reflecting," Barnes-Timmons said. "In my life, I've figured out I've always been a fighter. We are mighty Tigers, that's what we are. I think everything that I experienced her has prepared me for life."

BENTON HARBOR 85, BRANDYWINE 61

B HARBOR (85)
Carlos Johnson 15 0-0 33, Quindarius Davis 5 5-8 15, K. Pullian 5 0-0 12, Joseph Johnson 3 0-0 6, Daniel Moore 2 0-0 6, Greg Cooper 2 0-0 4, William Suggs 1 0-0 3, Delrecco Gillespie 1 1-1 3, Khi Hunt 1 0-0 2, Louis Johnson 0 1-2 1. Totals: 35 7-11 85.

BRANDY (61)
Kendall Chrismon 10 2-4 24, Caleb Byrd 5 2-2 13, Jordan Abrams 2 5-7 10, Shane Brown 3 0-0 6, Jaelen Briggs 2 0-0 4, Carson Knapp 2 0-0 4. Totals: 24 9-13 61.

B Harbor	18	28	15	24	– 85
Brandy	15	15	16	15	– 61

3-point goals – B Harbor 8 (C. Johnson 3, Moore 2, Pullian 2, Suggs), Brandy 4 (Chrismon 2, Abrams, Byrd). Total fouls – B Harbor 13, Brandy 9. Fouled out – None. Technical fouls – None.
Records – Benton Harbor 17-2, Brandywine 16-3 .

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WERTANEN

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include: Lakeshore's Shane Williams and Lucio, plus Brandywine's Hunter Heath (140 in D3) and Checkley and VanWyk in D4. Williams is rated No. 2 at 135, while Lucio, Heath, Checkley and VanWyk all hold down No. 3 ratings in their respective division and weight class.

"Winning an individual state title is easier said than done," stated veteran Lakeshore coach Bruce Bittenbender, now in his 50th season at the Lancers helm. During his tenture at Lakeshore he has produced 15 matmen that have a combined 21 individual state crowns. "Last year the area didn't bring back an individual state champion, but hopefully that will change this year. Anything can happen at state, and usually does with a surprise or two."

Last year, Niles' Jamison Zimmerman was the area's only state runner-up at 103 pounds. But this year he's at 112 and currently rated No. 9 in D2.

Bittenbender says he feels Williams, a senior, who has placed fourth and third the last two years at state, has the best shot at winning another individual title for the Lancers. "But I wouldn't be surprised if (sophomores) Lucio, Hanau and Cam Litaker (112) make long runs, along with senior Zeke Rohl (215)."

Round one begins on Friday at 11:30 a.m. with 103 pounds the starting weight. Round two consolations are at 2:45 p.m. followed by the quarterfinals at 4:15, consolation blood (elimination) round at 6, and the winner's bracket semifinals at 7:30.

Then on Saturday, the third and fourth consolation rounds begin at 9 and 10 a.m., respectively, with place matches (third through eighth) at 11 a.m. The finals will begin at 3:30 p.m.

Chicago scores on 3 straight shots, beats Ducks 6-2

CHICAGO (AP) — Dylan Strome, Alex Nylander and Patrick Kane scored on consecutive shots late in the second period, leading the Chicago Blackhawks to a 6-2 victory over the Anaheim Ducks on Tuesday night.

Strome scored twice and added an assist in the rout. Chicago won its third straight game while chasing a wild-card playoff spot in the Western Conference. Drake Caggiula and David Kampf also scored for the Blackhawks.

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BOYS SWIMMING

PORTAGE CENTRAL 104, ST. JOSEPH 71

200 medley relay — Portage Central 1:48.67; 200 freestyle – Aakash Gorthi (PC) 1:59.19; 200 IM – Matt Power (PC) 2:20.09; 50 freestyle – Andrew Moyer (SJ) 22.65; diving – Ethan Glinsky (PC) 168.55; 100 butterfly – Ben Miller (PC) 55.00; 100 freestyle – Nathan Barfuss (SJ) 54.86; 500 freestyle – James Zesiger (PC) 5:03.18; 200 free relay – Portage Central 1:37.38; 100 backstroke – David Jin (PC) 59.95; 100 breaststroke – Kyle Liu (PC) 1:02.62; 400 free relay – St. Joseph (Carson Martindale, Michael LaFlamme, Troy Burrow, Ayden Moyer) 4:12.40.

BOYS BASKETBALL

BERRIEN SPRINGS 64, LAKE MICHIGAN CATHOLIC 13

BERRIEN SPRINGS (64)
James York 5 0-0 11, Byron Tate 0 3-4 3, Jackson Glanzer 2 0-0 4, Lucus Rindfield 3 0-0 6, Marshall McFarland 3 1-2 7, Aidan Rindfield 1 0-0 3, Jamal Hailey 4 1-1 9, Josiah Pittman 2 0-0 4, Anthony Latin 5 0-1 10, Zeb Bodtke 1 1-2 3, Antwan Davis 2 0-0 4. Totals: 28 6-10 64.

CATHOLIC (13)
Max Allen 0 2-4 2, Nate Green 0 2-2 2, Jake Koenig 0 2-4 2, Matt Rochefort 1 0-0 2, Chas LaSata 0 0-1 0, Jon Jollay 0 5-6 5. Totals: 1 11-17 13.

B. Springs	**26**	**21**	**5**	**12**	**— 64**
Catholic	**2**	**4**	**4**	**3**	**— 13**

3-point goals – Berrien Springs 2 (York, A. Rindfield), Catholic 0. Total fouls – Berrien Springs 15, Catholic 11. Fouled out – none. Technical fouls – none.
Records – Berrien Springs 7-12, LM Catholic 2-16.

MARTIN 54, MICHIGAN LUTHERAN 44

LUTHERAN (44)
Nick Lockman 3 0-0 8, Sam Taylor 2 2-5 8, Jordan Ramirez 3 0-0 7, Andy Semenak 4 0-2 11, Adam Rosenbaum 0 0-2 0, Abdul Erby 0 0-2 0, Cameron Guse 4 1-3 10. Totals: 16 3-14 44.

MARTIN (54)
Cayden Curry 5 0-0 14, Brayden Eckman 1 0-0 2, Gabe Meyers 1 0-2 2, Kyle Eckman 1 0-0 2, Collin Coburn 2 7-9 11, Charley Martin 1 4-8 6, Mitchell Jager 4 2-2 14, Keegan Wahlers 1 0-0 3. Totals: 16 13-21 54.

Lutheran	**4**	**8**	**16**	**16**	**— 44**
Martin	**14**	**9**	**20**	**11**	**— 54**

3-point goals – Lutheran 9 (Semenak 3, Lockman 2, Taylor 2, Ramirez, Guse), Martin 9 (Curry 4, Jager 4, Wahlers). Total fouls – Lutheran 17, Martin 14. Fouled out – none. Technical fouls – none.
Records – Lutheran 6-12, Martin 8-11.

MARCELLUS 51, EAU CLAIRE 50

MARCELLUS (51)
Stafne 10 5-7 25, Ferguson 4 3-3 11, Etter 3 0-0 7, Brewer 2 0-0 4, Surach 1 0-0 2, Lansdale 0 0-2 0. Totals: 20 8-12 51.

EAU CLAIRE (50)
Hackney 6 4-6 18, Taylor 3 2-3 9, Evans 4 1-2 9, Murphy 3 0-0 8, Travis 2 1-6 5, Holmes 0 1-2 1. Totals: 18 11-19 50.

Marcellus	**15**	**11**	**18**	**7**	**– 51**
Eau Claire	**15**	**9**	**13**	**13**	**– 50**

3-point goals – Eau Claire 5 (Murphy 2, Hackney 2, Taylor), Marcellus 1 (Etter). Total fouls – Marcellus 15, Eau Claire 13. Fouled out – None. Technical fouls – None.

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

KELLEY'S BOWL
LAKESHORE LASSIES – Tricia Morris 691 (248), Alanna Swetay 679 (247), Nicki Brose 674 (234), Linda Dockham 627 (225), Heather Garrison 580 (211), Karyn Fricke 576, Sharon Harrington 563 (205). Team scores: Gast-Dockham 1160, Bowling Besties (420). MOONSHINERS – Amber Fleisher 614 (231), Sue Holland 589 (224), Pam Head 539, Sonya Jackson 521 (205), Gladys Hunter 520, Tmesia Daughtry 516. Team score: Bad Girls 1580 (556).

AREA SCHEDULE

Today
Girls basketball
Division 1 district semifinal
at Lakeshore
Mattawan vs. Portage Central, 5:30
Lakeshore vs. Kalamazoo Central, 7:30
Division 2 district semifinal
at Coloma
South Haven vs. Coloma, 7
at Buchanan
Niles vs. Three Rivers, 5:30
Berrien Springs vs. Edwardsburg, 7
Division 3 district semifinals
at Lawton
Lawton vs. Bloomingdale, 5
Hartford vs. Gobles, 6:30
at Cassopolis
Watervliet vs. Brandywine winner, 6
Cassopolis vs. Decatur, 7:30
Division 4 district semifinals
at Colon
Mendon vs. Howardsville Christian, 5:30
Burr Oak vs. Colon, 7
at River Valley
Lake Michigan Catholic vs. New Buffalo, 5:30
Michigan Lutheran vs. River Valley, 7:15

Thursday
Boys basketball
Benton Harbor at Wyoming, 7
Michigan Lutheran at Lawrence, 7
Watervliet at Schoolcraft, 7
Kalamazoo Hackett at Coloma, 7
St. Joseph at Portage Northern, 7:15
Brandywine at Berrien Springs, 7:15
River Valley at New Buffalo, 7:30

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Tuesday's boys scores
Addison 60, Britton-Deerfield 53
Adrian Lenawee Christian 78, Vandercook Lake Jackson 61
Alpena 76, Bay City Western 41
Ann Arbor Central Academy 70, Allen Park Cabrini 51
Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 45, Kalamazoo Phoenix 34
Ann Arbor Huron 64, Ypsilanti Lincoln 54
Bath 47, Fowler 38
Battle Creek Harper Creek 74, Sturgis 35
Battle Creek Lakeview 68, Battle Creek Central 48
Bellevue 56, Vermontville Maple Valley 42
Benton Harbor 85, Niles Brandywine 61
Berkley 69, Rochester 57
Berrien Springs 64, St. Joseph Lake Michigan Catholic 13
Berrien Springs 64, St. Joseph Lake Michigan Catholic 13
Bessemer 70, Ironwood City Gogebic Michigan 56
Birmingham Seaholm 51, Auburn Hills Avondale 29
Blissfield 56, Ida 50
Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 68, Waterford Our Lady 56
Bloomfield Hills Roeper 58, Canton Prep 37
Bronson 56, Union City 35
Brooklyn Columbia Central 66, Hudson 63
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Buchanan 86, New Buffalo 62
Burton Bendle 90, Flint International 40
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Mancelona 56, Kalkaska 52, OT
Manton 77, Buckley 53
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Marcellus Howardsville Christian 63, Burr Oak 25
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Mattawan 56, Niles 53
McBain 14, Big Rapids 5
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Wyoming Tri-unity Christian 65, Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian 58
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Madison Heights Bishop Foley 72, Clawson 63, OT

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Duke	14	5	.737	24	6	.800
Virginia	13	5	.722	21	7	.750
Syracuse	10	9	.526	17	13	.567
Notre Dame	9	9	.500	18	11	.621
Clemson	9	9	.500	15	13	.536
Georgia Tech	9	9	.500	15	14	.517
NC State	9	10	.474	18	12	.600
Boston College	7	12	.368	13	17	.433
Virginia Tech	6	12	.333	15	14	.517
Miami	6	12	.333	14	14	.500
Pittsburgh	6	13	.316	15	15	.500
Wake Forest	6	13	.316	13	16	.448
North Carolina	6	13	.316	13	17	.433

Tuesday's Games
Syracuse 84, Boston College 71
North Carolina 93, Wake Forest 83
Today's Games
Clemson at Virginia Tech, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Georgia Tech, 9 p.m.
Virginia at Miami, 9 p.m.
Florida St. at Notre Dame, 9 p.m.
Friday's Games
Georgia Tech at Clemson, 7 p.m.
Wake Forest at NC State, 7 p.m.

BIG TEN CONFERENCE

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Maryland	13	6	.684	23	7	.767
Michigan St.	13	6	.684	21	9	.700
Illinois	12	6	.667	20	9	.690
Wisconsin	12	6	.667	19	10	.655
Penn St.	11	8	.579	21	9	.700
Iowa	11	8	.579	20	10	.667
Ohio St.	10	8	.556	20	9	.690
Rutgers	10	9	.526	19	11	.633
Michigan	9	9	.500	18	11	.621
Purdue	9	10	.474	16	14	.533
Indiana	8	10	.444	18	11	.621
Minnesota	7	11	.389	13	15	.464
Northwestern	2	16	.111	7	21	.250
Nebraska	2	16	.111	7	22	.241

Tuesday's Games
Michigan St. 79, Penn St. 71
Rutgers 78, Maryland 67
Purdue 77, Iowa 68
Today's Games
Minnesota at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Northwestern at Wisconsin, 9 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Nebraska at Michigan, 6:30 p.m.
Illinois at Ohio St., 7 p.m.

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Akron	13	4	.765	23	7	.767
Bowling Green	12	5	.706	21	9	.700
N. Illinois	11	6	.647	18	12	.600
Buffalo	10	7	.588	19	11	.633
Ball St.	10	7	.588	17	13	.567
Kent St.	9	8	.529	19	11	.633
Ohio	7	10	.412	15	15	.500
Toledo	7	10	.412	15	15	.500
E. Michigan	6	11	.353	16	14	.533
Cent. Michigan	6	11	.353	13	17	.433
W. Michigan	6	11	.353	13	17	.433
Miami (Ohio)	5	12	.294	12	18	.400

Tuesday's Games
Ball St. 85, Cent. Michigan 68
Buffalo 75, Miami (Ohio) 69
Kent St. 83, Bowling Green 69
W. Michigan 70, E. Michigan 54
Akron 74, Ohio 67
N. Illinois 71, Toledo 50
Friday's Games
Buffalo at Bowling Green, 6 p.m.
Kent St. at Akron, 6:30 p.m.
W. Michigan at Cent. Michigan, 7 p.m.
Ohio at Miami (Ohio), 7 p.m.
E. Michigan at Toledo, 7 p.m.
Ball St. at N. Illinois, 8 p.m.

NO. 16 MICHIGAN ST. 79, NO. 20 PENN ST. 71

MICHIGAN ST. (21-9)
Hall 2-4 0-0 4, Henry 5-8 0-1 12, Tillman 10-13 3-4 23, Watts 7-20 2-2 18, Winston 5-7 3-5 14, Brown 2-4 0-0 4, Ahrens 0-2 2-2 2, Bingham 0-1 0-0 0, Kithier 0-0 0-0 0, Loyer 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 32-60 10-14 79.
PENN ST. (21-9)
Lundy 2-8 0-0 6, Stevens 3-19 9-14 15, Watkins 4-8 4-4 12, M.Jones 6-15 0-0 16, Wheeler 1-4 0-0 3, Dread 3-6 0-0 9, Harrar 3-4 2-2 8, Brockington 1-3 0-0 2, C.Jones 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 23-68 15-20 71.
Halftime—Penn St. 46-31. 3-Point Goals—Michigan St. 5-19 (Henry 2-3, Watts 2-10, Winston 1-2, Ahrens 0-1, Brown 0-1, Hall 0-1, Tillman 0-1), Penn St. 10-30 (M.Jones 4-9, Dread 3-6, Lundy 2-6, Wheeler 1-4, C. Jones 0-1, Stevens 0-4). Fouled Out—Hall, Wheeler. Rebounds—Michigan St. 40 (Tillman 15), Penn St. 32 (Watkins 9). Assists—Michigan St. 13 (Winston 7), Penn St. 17 (Wheeler 5). Total Fouls—Michigan St. 19, Penn St. 18. A—13,437 (15,261).

RUTGERS 78, NO. 9 MARYLAND 67

MARYLAND (23-7)
J.Smith 7-11 1-2 16, Ayala 3-8 0-0 8, Cowan 6-13 4-4 19, Morsell 3-8 3-4 9, Scott 0-3 0-0 0, Wiggins 2-9 0-1 4, Hart 0-5 1-2 1, S.Smith 2-6 2-2 6, Tomaic 2-2 0-0 4, Lindo 0-0 0-0 0, Marial 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-65 11-15 67.

RUTGERS (19-11)
Carter 2-4 0-0 4, Yeboah 4-8 0-0 9, Baker 4-11 2-2 11, Mathis 6-10 3-5 15, Harper 3-9 1-2 9, Young 7-10 0-1 17, Johnson 3-5 3-8 9, Mulcahy 1-2 2-2 4, McConnell 0-2 0-0 0, Doucoure 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-61 11-20 78.
Halftime—Rutgers 35-29. 3-Point Goals—Maryland 6-32 (Cowan 3-9, Ayala 2-6, J.Smith 1-3, Morsell 0-1, Scott 0-2, S.Smith 0-3, Hart 0-4, Wiggins 0-4), Rutgers 7-16 (Young 3-3, Harper 2-4, Baker 1-2, Yeboah 1-4, Mulcahy 0-1, Mathis 0-2). Rebounds—Maryland 35 (J.Smith 10), Rutgers 37 (Yeboah, Johnson 8). Assists—Maryland 13 (Ayala 4), Rutgers 17 (Baker 4). Total Fouls—Maryland 17, Rutgers 18. A—8,000 (8,000).

Tuesday's men's scores
EAST
Bucknell 65, Holy Cross 62
Buffalo 75, Miami (Ohio) 69
Lehigh 78, Loyola (Md.) 75
Maine 71, Hartford 65
Mass.-Lowell 63, New Hampshire 54
Michigan St. 79, Penn St. 71
Rutgers 78, Maryland 67
Syracuse 84, Boston College 71
UMBC 75, Stony Brook 67
Vermont 85, Albany (NY) 62
SOUTH
Appalachian St. 61, Louisiana-Monroe 57
Arkansas St. 76, Georgia Southern 75
Charleston Southern 81, Presbyterian 64
Cincinnati 79, South Florida 67
Duquesne 80, VCU 77, OT
Georgia St. 89, UALR 70
Liberty 55, NJIT 49
Lipscomb 68, Florida Gulf Coast 63
Louisiana-Lafayette 108, Coastal Carolina 101
North Carolina 93, Wake Forest 83
North Florida 91, Jacksonville 88
Richmond 80, Davidson 63
SC-Upstate 69, High Point 59
South Alabama 58, Texas State 54
South Carolina 83, Mississippi St. 71
Stetson 82, North Alabama 72
Tennessee 81, Kentucky 73
Texas-Arlington 78, Troy 64
UNC-Asheville 72, Campbell 68
Vanderbilt 87, Alabama 79
MIDWEST
Akron 74, Ohio 67
Ball St. 85, Cent. Michigan 68
DePaul 69, Marquette 68
Ill.-Chicago 93, IUPUI 59
Kent St. 83, Bowling Green 69
N. Illinois 71, Toledo 50
Oakland 80, Cleveland St. 59
Purdue 77, Iowa 68
W. Michigan 70, E. Michigan 54
West Virginia 77, Iowa St. 71
Youngstown St. 63, Milwaukee 57
SOUTHWEST
Stephen F. Austin 77, Abilene Christian 72
Texas 52, Oklahoma 51

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	67	42	13	12	96	220	168
Tampa Bay	66	41	20	5	87	231	185
Toronto	66	35	23	8	78	233	218
Florida	66	33	26	7	73	224	224
Montreal	68	31	28	9	71	209	209
Buffalo	66	29	29	8	66	189	208
Ottawa	67	23	32	12	58	181	231
Detroit	68	15	48	5	35	136	257

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	65	40	19	6	86	226	199
Philadelphia	65	38	20	7	83	220	190
Pittsburgh	65	38	21	6	82	211	181
N.Y. Islanders	65	35	22	8	78	183	181
Columbus	67	32	21	14	78	175	179
Carolina	64	35	24	5	75	207	183
N.Y. Rangers	66	35	27	4	74	218	206
New Jersey	65	26	27	12	64	177	216

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	67	40	17	10	90	216	185
Colorado	65	40	18	7	87	223	173
Dallas	66	37	21	8	82	178	170
Winnipeg	68	34	28	6	74	204	199
Minnesota	66	33	26	7	73	209	207
Nashville	66	32	26	8	72	208	215
Chicago	66	30	28	8	68	201	209

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	67	36	23	8	80	214	205
Vegas	67	36	23	8	80	216	202
Calgary	67	34	26	7	75	201	206
Vancouver	65	34	25	6	74	214	204
Arizona	67	32	27	8	72	187	178
San Jose	65	28	33	4	60	169	209
Anaheim	66	26	32	8	60	170	211
Los Angeles	66	25	35	6	56	164	206

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.
Monday's Games
Colorado 2, Detroit 1
Edmonton 8, Nashville 3
Tuesday's Games
St. Louis 3, N.Y. Rangers 1
Montreal 6, N.Y. Islanders 2
Pittsburgh 7, Ottawa 3
Winnipeg 3, Buffalo 1
Minnesota 3, Nashville 1
Boston 2, Tampa Bay 1
Chicago 6, Anaheim 2
Edmonton 2, Dallas 1, OT
New Jersey at Vegas, 10 p.m.
Toronto at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Today's Games
Philadelphia at Washington, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Calgary, 8:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
Arizona at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	43	18	.705	—
Boston	41	19	.683	1½
Phila.	37	24	.607	6
Brooklyn	27	33	.450	15½
New York	19	42	.311	24

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	39	22	.639	—
Orlando	27	34	.443	12
Washington	22	37	.373	16
Charlotte	21	40	.344	18
Atlanta	19	44	.302	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Milwaukee	52	9	.852	—
Indiana	37	24	.607	15
Chicago	21	40	.344	31
Detroit	20	42	.323	32½
Cleveland	17	44	.279	35

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	39	21	.650	—
Dallas	37	25	.597	3
Memphis	30	31	.492	9½
San Antonio	26	34	.433	13
New Orleans	26	35	.426	13½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	41	20	.672	—
Utah	38	22	.633	2½
Oklahoma City	37	24	.607	4
Portland	27	35	.435	14½
Minnesota	18	42	.300	22½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	46	13	.780	—
L.A. Clippers	42	19	.689	5
Sacramento	26	34	.433	20½
Phoenix	24	38	.387	23½
Golden State	14	48	.226	33½

x-clinched playoff spot
Monday's Games
Utah 126, Cleveland 113
Portland 130, Orlando 107
New York 125, Houston 123
Miami 105, Milwaukee 89
Memphis 127, Atlanta 88
Chicago 109, Dallas 107
Indiana 116, San Antonio 111
Tuesday's Games
San Antonio 104, Charlotte 103
Brooklyn 129, Boston 120, OT
Minnesota 139, New Orleans 134
L.A. Clippers 109, Oklahoma City 94
Golden State 116, Denver 100
Toronto 123, Phoenix 114
Phila. at L.A. Lakers, 10 p.m.
Washington at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Today's Games
Boston at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.
Washington at Portland, 10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Major League Baseball
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Signed RHP Zach Putnam to a minor league contract.
Minor League Baseball
Atlantic League
LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Signed OF D'Arby Myers.
Frontier League
NEW JERSEY — Signed OF Alfredo Marte to a contract extension. Signed RHP Shawn Blackwell.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Fined Portland Trailblazers F Mario Hezonja $25,000 for making illegal contact with an official.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
DALLAS STARS — Recalled GT Jake Oettinger from Texas Stars (AHL).
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Recalled F Yakov Trenin from Milwaukee (AHL).
AHL
DETROIT RED WINGS — Assigned D Dennis Cholowski to Grand Rapids Griffins.
ECHL
READING ROYALS — Aquired D Aaron Titcomb from Wheeling in exchange for D Jeremy Beaudry.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Named Ben Bloom senior defensive assistant.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed TE Marcus Baugh.
Canadian Football League
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed DB Jovon Johnson to one-day contract.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
D.C. UNITED — Aquired M Mohammed Abu from Vålerenga Fotball in Norway on a one-year loan.
NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION — Acquired $150,000 in 2020 General Allocation Money from the Montreal Impact for the discovery rights to Victor Wanyama.
Northwest Soccsr League
ORLANDO PRIDE — Signed D Courtney Petersen and D Konya Plummer from the 2020 college draft.
PORTLAND THORNS — Aquired D Becky Sauerbrunn from Utah Ryals FC for defender Elizabeth Ball and $100,000 in allocation money.
United Soccer League
LOUDOUN UNITED — Signed G Simon Lefebrve. Re-signed F Christian Sorto.

GOLF

World Golf Ranking
Through March 1

1.	Rory McIlroy	NIR	9.31
2.	Jon Rahm	ESP	8.74
3.	Brooks Koepka	USA	8.23
4.	Justin Thomas	USA	7.66
5.	Dustin Johnson	USA	6.73
6.	Patrick Cantlay	USA	6.07
7.	Adam Scott	AUS	5.99
8.	Webb Simpson	USA	5.91
9.	Patrick Reed	USA	5.87
10.	Tommy Fleetwood	ENG	5.78
11.	Tiger Woods	USA	5.68
12.	Xander Schauffele	USA	5.63
13.	Justin Rose	ENG	5.17
14.	Bryson DeChambeau	USA	4.90
15.	Tony Finau	USA	4.80
16.	Matt Kuchar	USA	4.57
17.	Gary Woodland	USA	4.44
18.	Louis Oosthuizen	SAF	4.29
19.	Hideki Matsuyama	JPN	4.24
20.	Shane Lowry	IRL	4.24
21.	Marc Leishman	AUS	4.09
22.	Paul Casey	ENG	4.07
23.	Bernd Wiesberger	AUT	3.87
24.	Matthew Fitzpatrick	ENG	3.74
25.	Sungjae Im	KOR	3.61
26.	Francesco Molinari	ITA	3.60
27.	Rickie Fowler	USA	3.56
28.	Lee Westwood	ENG	3.21
29.	Abraham Ancer	MEX	3.20
30.	Kevin Na	USA	3.17

MLB

Spring Training
Tuesday's Games
Washington 5, Baltimore 3
N.Y. Yankees 9, Boston 1
St. Louis 6, Houston 3
Tampa Bay 5, Atlanta 2
Minnesota 5, Detroit 1
Miami 6, N.Y. Mets 1
Texas 6, San Francisco 5
Oakland 6, Chicago White Sox 5
L.A. Angels 11, Cleveland 7
San Diego 9, Milwaukee 0
Colorado 11, Chicago Cubs 10
Kansas City 6, Arizona 4
Today's Games
Miami (ss) vs. Houston at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore vs. Miami (ss) at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (ss) vs. Phila. (ss) at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Atlanta vs. Pittsburgh (ss) at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.
Colorado vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Seattle vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Phila. (ss) vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 6:35 p.m.
San Francisco vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 8:05 p.m.

Japan Olympic Minister: Games could be held any time in 2020

By YURI KAGEYAMA AND MARI YAMAGUCHI
Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan's Olympic minister said Tuesday the contract to hold the Tokyo Games only specifies the event has to be held during 2020.

Seiko Hashimoto's response to a question in the upper house of parliament implies the Olympics could be held later in the year and would not have to start on July 24 as planned. The Paralympics open on Aug. 25.

The Tokyo Olympics are being threatened by a fast-spreading virus that has been blamed for 12 deaths in Japan and has shut down most schools, sports competitions and Olympic-related events in the country. The virus that started in China has been detected in at least 70 countries, with 90,000 cases and 3,100 deaths reported.

"The IOC has the right to cancel the games only if they are not held during 2020," Hashimoto told parliament. "This can be interpreted to mean the games can be postponed as long as they are held during the calendar year."

However, the suggestion of a possible change of plan was quickly batted back at a meeting of the International Olympic Committee's executive board in Switzerland.

"We are going to have the games on the 24th of July," IOC spokesman Mark Adams said at a briefing.

IOC President Thomas Bach and Tokyo organizers have repeatedly said they expect the Olympics to open on schedule. Others have suggested the spreading virus could force cancellation, postponement or moving events to other cities.

The IOC issued a statement earlier Tuesday expressing "full commitment to the success of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, taking place from July 24 to Aug. 9, 2020

hp FOOD

Berens nominated for James Beard Award

Jane Ammeson

For those who have suggested that Southwest Michigan has become a food-centric destination thanks to our great farmers, wineries, breweries, distilleries, chefs and food producers, the biggest proof came last week when Abra Berens was nominated for Best Chef in the Great Lakes Region by the James Beard Foundation.

The chef in residence at Granor Farm earned the coveted honor for several reasons, including her bestselling cookbook, "Ruffage: A Practical Guide to Vegetables."

There's also the farmhouse dinners – often featuring celebrity chefs – that she prepares. These dinners, featuring locally grown foods, attract locals to the farm but also visitors from Chicago, Detroit and Indianapolis. For the last two years, each dinner has sold out and has had a waiting list.

BERENS

"I never thought it would happen to me," Berens says when I called to congratulate her on the nomination. "I think the term was gobsmacked when I found out. A long time ago, I figured it was not my wheelhouse because my food is not fancy food."

She heard about the honor from a friend who lives in Pennsylvania, and found the news release from the James Beard Foundation on her phone. It was hard to read, but there it was.

She grew up cooking, and has worked in restaurants since she was 16, including Zingerman's Deli in Ann Arbor and Ballymaloe Cookery School in Ireland. In ways, Ballymaloe was similar to Granor in that what they served at the restaurant and guest house was grown on the farm.

"It was an education for me – that connection with what a farm is growing and the meals you eat," Berens says.

Her next stop was Neal's Yard Dairy, a serious shop where staff work with cheesemakers in selecting, maturing and selling cheese made in the United Kingdom and Ireland. From there, she headed to Chicago, where she became the executive chef at Stock Café at Local Foods, Vie and the Floriole Cafe & Bakery.

She also co-founded Bare Knuckle Farm in Northport, Mich. That meant a round trip commute of 700 miles on a regular basis for six years. It was worth it, she says, because she wanted to do dinners based on what she grew.

It worked well in Chicago and definitely does in Three Oaks, too, as Granor Farm is expanding.

"We're adding new space to the kitchen, and we're working to grow vegetables year round by building indoor growing space," she says. "We're putting in refrigeration to add dairy, such as artisan cheeses from Windshadow Farm in Hartford, Evergreen Lane (Farm) and Creamery in Fennville and Capriole Goat Cheese in Greenville, Ind."

They're also growing heritage varieties of wheat, rye and corn. Their Bloody Butcher corn is used by Molino Tortilleria in Sawyer to make their corn tortillas.

See **AMMESON**, page B5

Gina Ferazzi / Los Angeles Times / TNS

Flippy the robot demonstrates its ability to man a fry station at Miso Robotics in Pasadena, Calif.

This new burger chef makes $3 an hour and never goes home

By SAM DEAN
Los Angeles Times

In a test kitchen in a corner building in downtown Pasadena, Calif., Flippy the robot grabbed a fryer basket full of chicken fingers, plunged it into hot oil – its sensors told it exactly how hot – then lifted, drained and dumped maximally tender tenders into a waiting hopper.

A few feet away, another Flippy eyed a beef patty sizzling on a griddle. With its camera eyes feeding pixels to a machine vision brain, it waited until the beef hit the right shade of brown, then smoothly slipped its spatula hand under the burger and plopped it on a tray.

The product of decades of research in robotics and machine learning, Flippy represents a synthesis of motors, sensors, chips and processing power that wasn't possible until recently.

Now, Flippy's success – and the success of the company that built it, Miso Robotics – depends on simple math and a controversial hypothesis of how robots can transform the service economy. Costing less to employ than a minimum-wage worker, Flippy is built to slip in right alongside humans on the fast food line.

Off-the-shelf robot arms have plunged in price in recent years, from more than $100,000 in 2016, when Miso Robotics first launched, to under $10,000 today, with cheaper models coming in the near future.

As a result, Miso can offer Flippys to fast food restaurant owners for an estimated $2,000 per month on a subscription basis, breaking down to about $3 per hour. (The actual cost will depend on customers' specific needs).

A human doing the same job costs $4,000 to $10,000 and more per month, depending on a restaurant's hours and the local minimum wage. And robots never call in sick.

If the cost of hardware hadn't gone down so quickly, Miso's business model would never have worked, said Buck Jordan, the company's CEO.

"We took a bet," he said. "A risky bet. But it's paying off."

So far, early versions of Flippy have put in time on the line at Dodger Stadium and at locations of CaliBurger, a small quick-serve chain that Jordan says also functions as "a restaurant tech incubator masquerading as a burger joint" (Cali Group, CaliBurger's parent company, is the parent company of Miso Robotics as well as two other restaurant industry startups). The next version of the robot will use the new, cheaper arms and be mounted on an overhead rail to conserve floor space in tight kitchens.

But Jordan believes Flippy is poised to become a regular part of fast food kitchens across the country in the next year, especially in markets with higher labor costs – and real estate costs – like California.

Miso has raised more than $13 million in investment, and is currently trying to raise an additional $30 million to fund its push into fast food kitchens from small investors on the equity crowdfunding platform SeedInvest.

The restaurant industry as a whole has been facing a labor crisis for years, fueled by record-low unemployment across the economy and ever-rising consumer demand for prepared food.

Nationally, the sector consistently has one of the highest percentages of open positions, with more than 820,000 unfilled jobs in December, according to federal statistics. And turnover rates, which have always been high for low-paying fast food jobs, have climbed to more than 100 percent per year.

At fry stations, churn is even higher, with the average worker lasting just three months in front of the bubbling oil, according to Jordan.

Those problems are intensified in areas with high real estate costs, like many of California's urban centers. Higher business rents put pressure on restaurants to increase revenues, while higher residential rents make nearby homes unaffordable for people earning fast food wages, stretching commute times beyond what workers will tolerate. That makes a worker who never leaves the premises that much more attractive.

Miso Robotics is hardly the first company to try to find profits in automating kitchen drudgery. Food has long been on the forefront when it comes to replacing human effort with machine labor. In the 1920s, it was a new device called the dishwasher that was raising alarms, threatening to wipe out an entire category of back-of-house jobs.

Despite the intersecting trend lines of cheaper technology and tighter labor markets, however, restaurant robot companies have been struggling.

Zume, a Mountain View, Calif.-based company that tried to build a fleet of pizza delivery trucks that used robot arms to cook the pizza en route, received $375 million from Softbank's $100-billion Vision Fund in late 2018. In January, the company laid off more than half of its employees, and announced that it would no longer make or deliver pizza, focusing instead on industrial packaging. Zume's pizza, according to reviews by customers, was never that good.

Creator, a restaurant built around a mainframe-sized robot that builds burgers from scratch, from grinding the beef and slicing the tomatoes to assembling the final product, has built a more loyal following (and better Yelp reviews) at its one location in San Francisco. But the company has yet to expand beyond its single location, and a deal with the same Softbank Vision Fund reportedly hit the rocks in January.

And in China, e-commerce giant Alibaba has a chain of largely automated grocery stores with attached diners staffed by robot waiters. The real estate giant Country Garden Holdings recently opened its first fully robotic restaurant in Guangzhou, where computers and robots handle ordering, food prep, serving and cleanup.

But not all restaurant robots are made alike, and the industry is split between two distinct visions of how robots can transform the service sector.

On one side, which includes Miso, are the robots that slot into existing human environments to perform specific tasks in much the same way a person would. Flippy never tires, doesn't mind a splash of hot oil, and produces a more consistent fried product, but ultimately it's handling the same fry baskets and spatulas as a flesh-and-blood worker.

On the other side, burger machines like Creator take a different approach: They remove the human

See **FLIPPY**, page B5

BREAKFASTS AND BANQUETS

Burger basket: American Legion Post 568, 3093 Johnson Road, Stevensville, will serve a hamburger basket from 4:30-7 p.m. today. The meal includes a burger, fries and coffee. Cost is $5. Take-out meals will be available.

Wings: American Legion Post 331, 4241 Legion St., Bridgman, will hold a wing night from 5-7:30 p.m. today. Cost varies. Each meal includes celery, and barbecue, ranch, blue cheese or hot sauce.

Burgers: American Legion Post 518, 4789 Weechik Road, New Troy, will have a hamburger night from 5-8 p.m. today. Cost is $5 for a burger, fries, salad and dessert. Cost is $6 for a burger, onion rings, salad and dessert. Cost is $3.50 for salad and dessert only.

Burgers and taco salad: The Van Buren Sportsmen's Club, 54630 County Road 687, Hartford, will serve dinner from 5-8 p.m. today. Burgers start at $3. Taco salads start at $5.75. For more information, call 621-3994 after 2 p.m.

Burgers and brats: The D.A.N.K., 2651 Pipestone Road, Benton Harbor, will serve burgers for $3, brats for $1.50, hot dogs and sides from 6-8 p.m. today. Drink specials will be available.

Burgers: American Legion Post 105, 1645 Paw Paw Ave., Benton Harbor, will hold a burger night from 5-8 p.m. Thursday. A 1/3-pound burger and fries starts at $4.25.

Fish fry: Fellowship Baptist Mission Church, 171 N. Euclid Ave., Benton Harbor, will hold a fish fry from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday. Tilapia or catfish dinners are $8 for regular size, or $13 for large, and comes with fries or spaghetti. All dinners include coleslaw, hush puppies and bread. Dessert is $2, and beverages are $1.

Soup and salad: The Coloma Lioness Lions Club will host a community soup and salad supper from 5-6 p.m. Friday at the North Berrien Senior Center, 6648 Ryno Road, Coloma. Proceeds will benefit Hope Resources. The menu will include soup, salad, bread, dessert and a beverage. Cost is $5 for adults, $3 for ages 3-12, and free for ages 2 and younger.

Fish fry: The Van Buren Sportsmen's Club, 54630 County Road 687, Hartford, will hold a fish fry from 5-8 p.m. Friday. The menu includes fish, chicken and shrimp. Prices start at $7.50. Salad bar is included. For more information, call 621-3994 after 2 p.m.

Fish fry: The D.A.N.K., 2651 Pipestone Road, Benton Harbor, will hold a fish fry at 6 p.m. Friday. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner includes all-you-can-eat fish, fries, coleslaw, potato and macaroni salads, German potato salad, bread and butter. Desserts and drinks from the bar will be available for an extra charge. Coffee is included with dinner. Cost is $10 for adults and $4 for ages 2-12. A polka band will play from 7-10 p.m.

Pancake breakfast: Scottdale United Methodist Church, 4271 Scottdale Road, St. Joseph, will host a pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m. Saturday. The menu will include pancakes, biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage, crepes, coffee and juice.

Chicken or shrimp dinner: American Legion Post 568, 3093 Johnson Road, Stevensville, will serve a chicken and/or shrimp dinner from 4:30-7 p.m. Saturday. The menu will include a three-piece chicken tender basket for $8 or a seven-piece butterfly shrimp dinner for $9. All dinners include fries and coleslaw. Take-out meals will be available.

Wings: The D.A.N.K., 2651 Pipestone Road, Benton Harbor, will hold a wing night from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday. Wing prices will vary depending on market price. Other food also will be available.

Breakfasts and Banquets appears each Wednesday in Food. The deadline is the preceding Wednesday at noon. Civic groups sponsoring fundraising meals, classes or other food-related events should send information in writing to: Focus, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085; fax to 429-4398 or email focus@TheHP.com.

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Roasted Parsnips with Goat Cheese, Pecans and Pickled Apricots is featured in Abra Berens' cookbook, "Ruffage: A Practical Guide to Vegetables."

AMMESON

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Berens also plans to make and sell bread from these heirloom grains using a wood-burning oven.

Though she didn't ever expect it, Berens definitely deserves the James Beard nod. It's a first for Southwest Michigan, and shows all the great things foodwise to come.

The following recipes are from "Ruffage."

Roasted Parsnips with Goat Cheese, Pecans and Pickled Apricots

"Parsnips are perfect for roasting because they are naturally a bit drier than carrots or sweet potatoes," Berens writes. "I like to roast them pretty hard so that their little chips burn, foiling the natural sweetness of the root. As with all oven-roasted things, allow enough space between the pieces on the baking sheet. A convection oven will help develop that crispy exoskeleton on the veggie, and cook until the roots are tender when pierced with a knife."

"Pickling dried fruit heightens its flavor by introducing a serious tang and a touch of salt," she writes. "It breathes new life into a pretty standard pantry staple. It works with all dried fruit, though apple chips get weird and soggy. You can also pickle fresh fruit, though this will sometimes soften the flesh to mush, so be gentle with the heat. I love this with basil, which is increasingly available from year-round growers."

10 parsnips, ends cut off, peeled and cut into obliques (about 2 pounds)
1/4 cup olive oil, plus more for cooking the parsnips
1/4 teaspoon salt, plus more for seasoning
Black pepper
1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
1 tablespoon brown sugar
1/2 cup dried apricots, cut into 1/4-inch strips
4 ounces goat cheese
1 cup pecans, toasted
6 leaves basil, torn

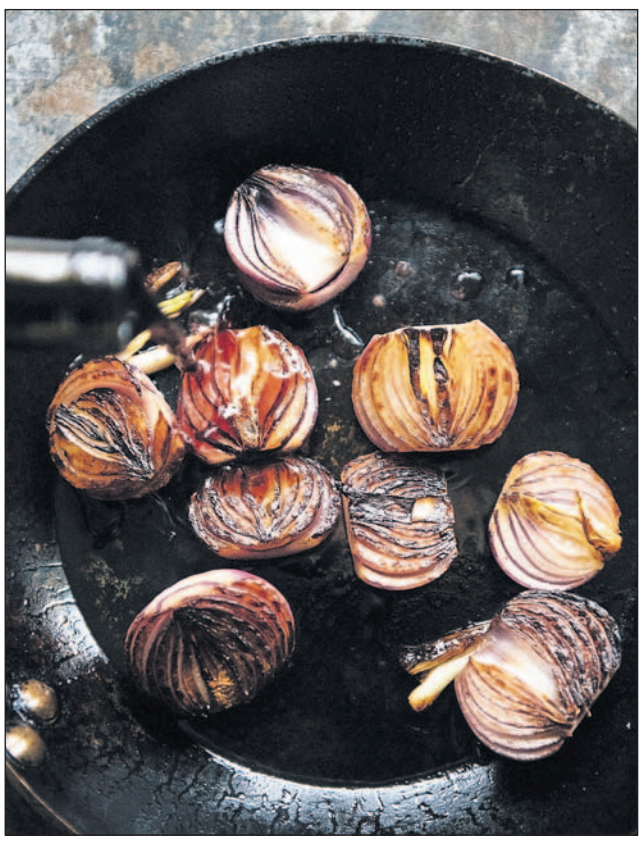
Heat the oven to 400 degrees.

Toss the parsnips with about 2 tablespoons olive oil, 2 pinches of salt, and 2 grinds of black pepper. Transfer to a baking sheet, and roast until the parsnips are tender and golden brown, 35 to 40 minutes.

Heat the vinegar, salt and brown sugar to boiling. Pour this over the apricots, and let them sit for 10 minutes. These will keep for weeks, so feel free to scale up and have some on hand.

Drain the apricots, reserving the liquid for dressing or making a spritzer with soda water.

Remove the parsnips from the oven, toss with the 1/4 cup olive oil, and let it absorb for a couple of minutes.



Vinegar-braised onions, seen here, are served with seared whitefish and arugula in this recipe from Abra Berens' cookbook, "Ruffage: A Practical Guide to Vegetables."

Place on a serving platter, dot with the goat cheese, scatter the pecans and apricots over them, garnish with torn pieces of basil and serve.

Variation 1: with currants, walnuts, blue cheese and burnt honey

10 parsnips
1/2 cup honey
2 tablespoons water
1/2 cup currants
1/2 cup walnuts
4 ounces blue cheese
One sprig rosemary, stripped and minced

After roasting the parsnips, remove them from the oven and turn on the broiler.

Combine the honey and water to thin. Drizzle the roasted parsnips with the honey mixture, and slide under the broiler to char like a toasted marshmallow.

Remove from the oven, and transfer to a serving platter.

Garnish with the currants (pickled the same as for the apricots, if you like), walnuts, blue cheese and rosemary.

Variation 2: with other roots, garlic mayo and sage

5 parsnips (1 pound)
5 carrots (1 pound)
1 celery root (1/2 pound)
2 sweet potatoes (1 pound)
5 sunchokes (1/2 pound)
1/2 cup garlic mayo
3 sprigs sage, cut into thin slices, or fried in oil until golden and crispy

Roast the roots, drizzle with the garlic mayo, and garnish with the sage.

To make the garlic mayo, combine two crushed cloves of garlic, the juice, and 1/2 cup of mayonnaise.

Vinegar-Braised Onions with Seared Whitefish and Arugula

8 shallots or cipollini
Neutral oil
Salt
Black pepper
1/2 cup red or white wine vinegar
1 (6-ounce) filet whitefish per person
4 ounces arugula
1/4 cup olive oil

Heat the oven to 325 degrees.

Clean the shallots, and cut them in half from top to bottom.

Heat about 2 tablespoons neutral oil in a medium frying pan until just above smoking.

Sear the onions, cut side down until well charred. Flipping, season with a hefty sprinkle of salt and pepper. Char the other side as best as you can. As long as there is a good char on the cut side, you'll be good.

Remove from the heat, and pour the vinegar over the onions, getting it into the petals of the onion. Be aware it will spit as the vinegar hits the hot pan and will probably make you cough.

Cover with foil or parchment paper, and place in the oven. Bake until the onions are tender, about 25 minutes.

In a large frying pan, heat about 2 tablespoons neutral oil until smoking hot. Blot the whitefish skin dry, sprinkle with salt, and sear, skin side down, about 5 minutes.

When the skin releases from the pan, place the whole pan in the already-hot oven to cook through, about 4 minutes.

In a medium bowl, dress the arugula with olive oil and a sprinkle of salt and pepper.

Serve the fish skin side up. Top with arugula and onions, spooning the onion liquid over the whole thing.

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FLIPPY

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entirely, operating in an enclosed environment in which robots can do things in more robotic ways.

Both camps think the other one is dead wrong.

Avidan Ross, whose venture capital fund Root Ventures has backed Creator, said, "My belief is that people who are using industrial robot arms today are primarily using those on a couple flawed assumptions." He likened it to the idea of building a humanoid robot driver with robotic arms to drive a self-driving car.

"Doing everything based on human limitations makes no sense," Ross said. "The better opportunity is to build robots from the ground up based on first principles."

Aaron Ames, a professor of robotics at California Institute of Technology who specializes in making robots walk and who serves as a technical advisor to Miso Robotics (whose technical team is run by Caltech grads), could not disagree more strongly.

"My short answer is: Good luck with that," Ames said. "I'm a firm believer that the real way to get things out of there, especially in a short time frame, is to go build robots that work in human environments. The only reason not to do it is that it's harder."

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Strange Herb Cuts "Belly Fat" Without Diet or Exercise In Major New Study

New breakthrough is ending "battle of the bulge" for Americans who have tried everything else. Doctors are impressed how safe and effective it is.

By Michael Plane
National Health Press

Nancy Holm of Salt Lake City, Utah had tried 18 different diets and diet products without success.

"I was so frustrated. I was about to give up and not even try anymore. But I really wanted to feel better, look better, and have more energy for my 4 grandchildren who are the joy of my life" she said with a proud smile.

Nancy's lucky break came one afternoon while watching TV. A news special about weight loss was on, and the expert being interviewed on PBS-TV was Dr. Eric Wood, who said: "98% of diets and diet products fail. The reason for this is because they do not address a vital underlying root cause of weight gain."

Dr. Wood continued, "If you read the latest medical studies, it is clear most people will never lose weight and keep it off until they fix how their blood sugar works. This is because blood sugar is the key to weight loss in so many ways."

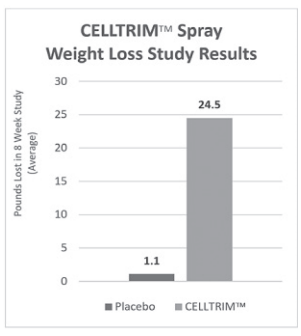
Nancy's weight loss results were incredible after she did this. "I lost 34 pounds without a strict diet or exercise. This was faster and easier than I'd ever lost weight before, and I've kept the weight off for over a year now with no problem", she beamed

The new weight loss spray that does this and safely melts off body fat quickly is now available in the United States without a prescription. It is sold under the brand name CELLTRIM. It contains an active ingredient that has been shown in a double-blind test to be incredibly effective for weight loss.

STUDY: AVERAGE PERSON LOST 24.5 POUNDS IN 8 WEEKS - WITH NO DIET OR EXERCISE

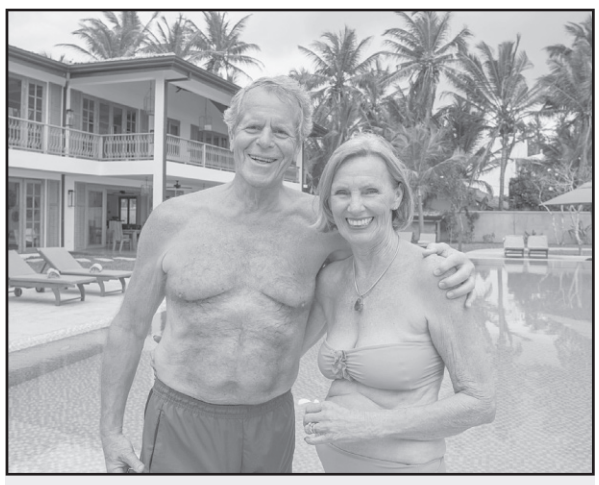
Scientists in Asia have discovered a natural compound that has been shown in a real-life test to enhance blood sugar regulation and trigger phenomenal weight loss.

Dr. Decker Weiss, M.D. said, "This large test showed 24.5 pounds of weight loss was achieved on average in only 8 weeks with NO change in diet or exercise. My patients have had remarkable success with this spray also. It is a new, different and exciting breakthrough for people who are overweight."



No diet or exercise was changed in people in this clinical test. Data summarized by private organization. Functional Foods in Health and Disease 13; 3(11):416-427.

The results seem hard to believe, yet these findings are supported by many everyday people like Winston Harrison of Randolph, Wisconsin: "I was very skeptical when I first read an article about CELLTRIM, but my doctor verified it for me, so I gave it a try. I expected to be disappointed again because I am what they call a "hard loser", meaning it is very hard for me to lose any weight. But this time it was different and so far I have lost 32 pounds and I feel like I am living in a dream come true."



Popular Spray: U.S. doctors are now recommending new weight loss spray because it causes fast and safe weight loss - with no need for excessive diet or exercise.

HOW THE SPRAY CAUSES WEIGHT LOSS

You press down the button to spray the mist into your mouth before each meal. It has a light pleasant mint taste. That's all you have to do.

The main nutrient in CELLTRIM Spray has been awarded U.S. Patent #8,361,523. It contains polyphenols that help enhance insulin sensitivity. This allows more blood sugar to be used for energy and less converted to fat. This is how you become slimmer and trimmer.

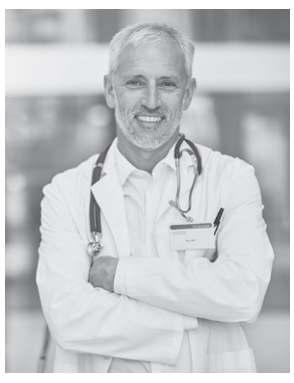
Currently, the opposite is happening in your body. In people who are overweight, insulin function decreases, leading cells to become "resistant" to the action of insulin. The result: your insulin levels stay elevated for longer – so much of the extra blood sugar is converted into fat and stored in your fat cells, resulting in weight gain.

CELLTRIM Spray also causes weight loss by its relationship to the hormone leptin and C reactive protein. Leptin is a master hormone produced by fat cells that regulate satiety and appetite control— it sends signals to the brain and lets it know that your stomach feels "full." C reactive protein intercepts the leptin before it can make it to the brain, and therefore, the sensation of feeling hungry is not felt as much.

CELLTRIM spray uses the breakthrough NutraMist Delivery System. The spray is INSTANTLY ABSORBED into your body. The tiny molecules bypass the digestive tract and enter your bloodstream ... compare this to a supplement pill, where much of an ingredient is NOT absorbed due to the digestive process.

WHAT DOCTORS ARE SAYING

"In all my years as a doctor, CELLTRIM Spray is the most different and exciting breakthrough in weight loss that I have seen for people who want to lose weight and keep it off without a crazy diet or exercise routine", said Dr. Eric Wood.



"All my patients who have used CELLTRIM Spray have reported a significant weight loss with no side effects, and all say it is much better than any other product they have ever tried", reports Dr. Decker Weiss, M.D.

"CELLTRIM is the right choice for individuals who are overweight. The test results show this works, as do the results of my patients. and my own personal experience of losing weight by using it", said Dr. Holly Lucille, who has appeared on award winning TV shows like The Doctors, and PBS' Healing Quest.

50% OFF FOR THE NEXT 48 HOURS

This is the official release of CELLTRIM in the state. Therefore, everyone who calls within the next 48 hours will receive 50% OFF their first order. A toll-free hotline number has been set up for local readers to call for this 50% OFF savings. The number will be open starting at 7:00 am today and only for the next 48 hours.

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All you have to do is CALL TOLL-FREE 1-800-753-5121 and provide the operator with the special 50% OFF discount approval code: CELL143.

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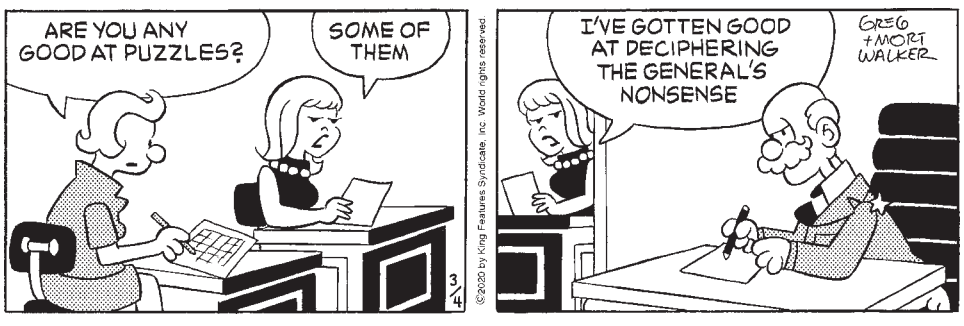
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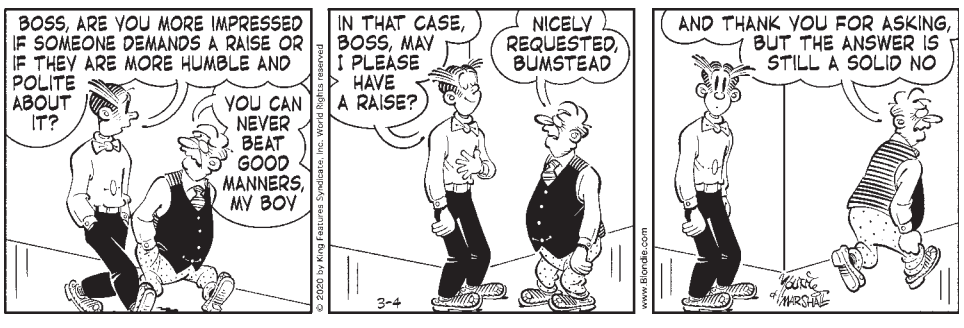
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YOU CAN NEVER BEAT GOOD MANNERS, MY BOY
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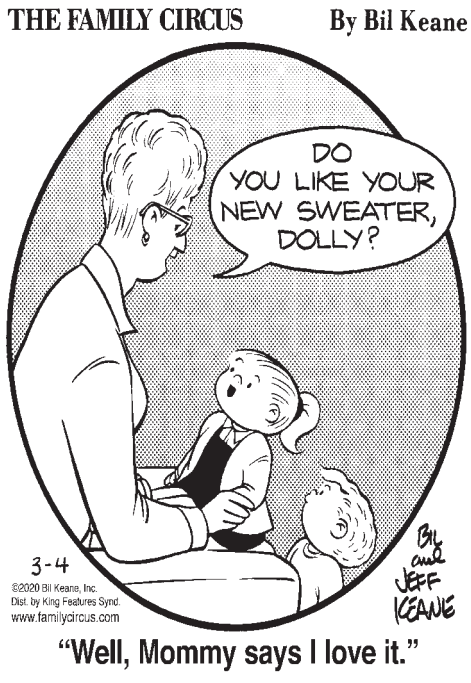

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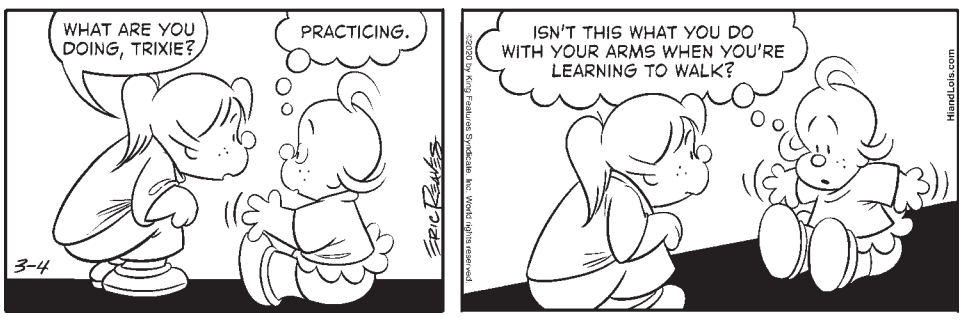

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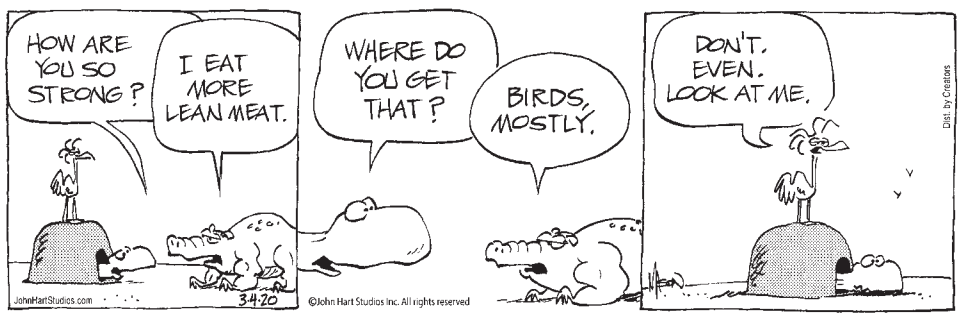

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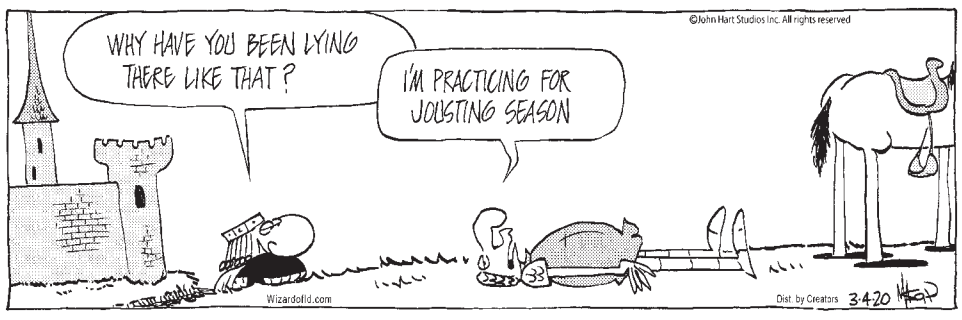
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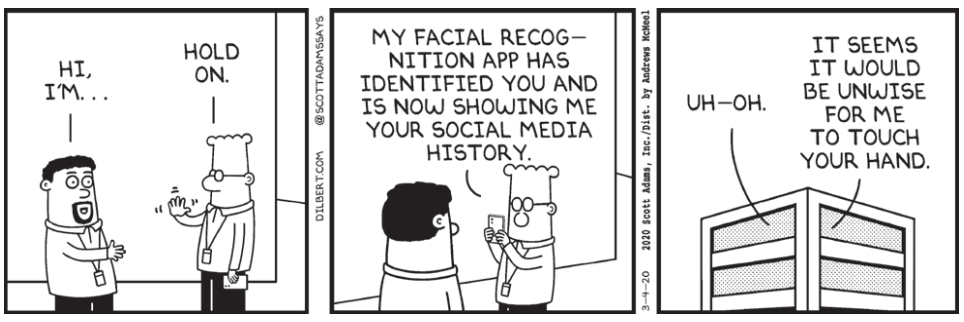
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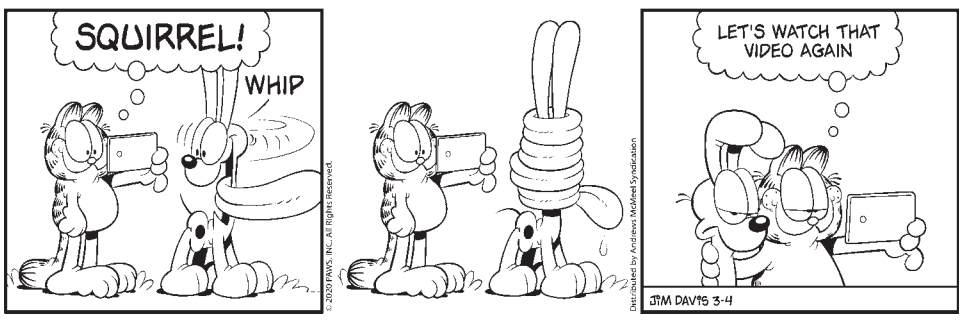

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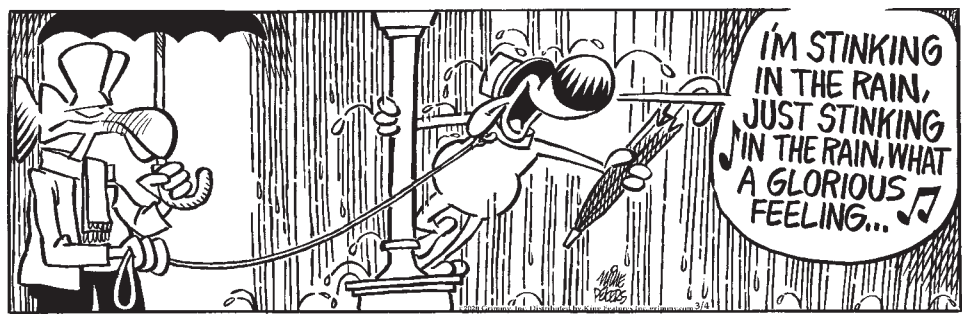

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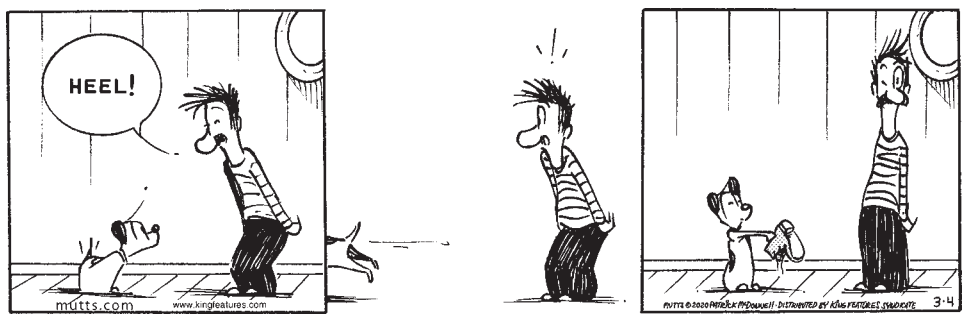

PICKLES

WHEN DID YOU START WEARING A FANNY PACK, DAD?
OH, I GOT TIRED OF TRYING TO FIT EVERYTHING I NEED INTO MY POCKETS.
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OH, YEAH!
PAT PAT
OKAY, WHO TOOK ALL THE COOKIES?!

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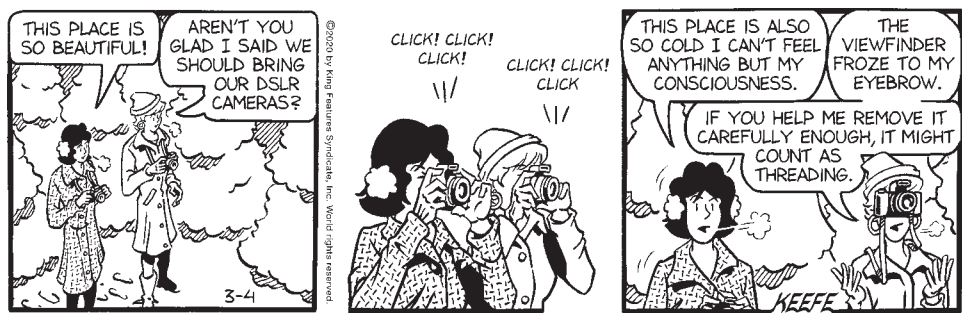
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THIS PLACE IS ALSO SO COLD I CAN'T FEEL ANYTHING BUT MY CONSCIOUSNESS.
THE VIEWFINDER FROZE TO MY EYEBROW.
IF YOU HELP ME REMOVE IT CAREFULLY ENOUGH, IT MIGHT COUNT AS THREADING.
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The weekend awaits ...
... what will you be doing?
Find information on local shows, community theater, art exhibits, musical acts, festivals, nightlife, movies and more every Thursday in Entertainment.
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Hundreds of people line up to buy face masks to protect themselves from the coronavirus in front of a department store in Seoul, South Korea, on Tuesday. China's coronavirus caseload continued to wane Tuesday even as the epidemic took a firmer hold beyond Asia, with three countries now exceeding 1,000 cases and the U.S. reporting its sixth death.

Virus crisis ebbs in China, spreads fear across the West

By LORI HINNANT and KEN MORITSUGU
Associated Press

PARIS — The coronavirus epidemic shifted increasingly westward toward the Middle East, Europe and the United States on Tuesday, with governments taking emergency steps to ease shortages of masks and other supplies for front-line doctors and nurses.

"We are concerned that countries' abilities to respond are being compromised by the severe and increasing disruption to the global supply of personal protective equipment, caused by rising demand, hoarding and misuse," said World Health Organization Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. "We can't stop COVID-19 without protecting our health workers."

Deaths in Italy surged to 79, making it the deadliest reported outbreak outside China. Twenty-three members of Iran's Parliament and the head of the country's emergency services were reported infected. South Korea expanded drive-thru testing and confirmed hundreds of new cases. And in Spain's Basque region, at least five doctors and nurses were infected and nearly 100 health care workers were being held in isolation.

The mushrooming outbreaks contrasted with optimism in China, where thousands of recovered patients were going home and the number of new infections has been dropping.

Worldwide, more than 93,000 people have been infected and over 3,100 have died, the vast majority of them in China. The number of countries hit by the virus exceeded 70, with Ukraine and Morocco reporting their first cases.

Virus clusters in the United States led schools and subways to sanitize and spread fears among nursing home residents, who are especially vulnerable. The number of the infections in the U.S. topped 100 and the death toll climbed to nine. All of the deaths were in Washington state, and most of them were residents of a Seattle-area nursing home.

Iran's supreme leader ordered the military to assist health officials in fighting the virus, which authorities said has killed 77 people. Among the dead are a confidant of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's former ambassador to the Vatican and a recently elected member of Parliament.

Iran's judiciary chief, Ebrahim Raisi, said some people are stockpiling medical supplies for profit and urged prosecutors to show no mercy. "Hoarding sanitizing items is playing with people's lives, and it is not ignorable," he said.

France's president announced the government will take control of current and future stocks of face masks to ensure they could go to health workers and coronavirus patients, and the finance minister warned that binge-shopping for household essentials could trigger shortages. The country reported a total of more than 200 cases and four deaths.

"In this period we're going through – we have entered a phase that will last weeks and, undoubtedly, months – it is indispensable to have clarity, resilience, sangfroid and determination to stop the epidemic" French President Emmanuel Macron said during a visit to the government's virus crisis center.

South Korea confirmed another 142 cases Wednesday morning, raising its total to 5,328, the second-highest in the world. At drive-thru virus testing centers, workers dressed head-to-toe in white protective suits leaned into cars with mouth swabs to check for the virus. Troops sprayed disinfectant on streets and alleys across the city.

In China, the count of new cases dropped again Wednesday, with just 119 reported. It is still by far the hardest-hit country, with over 80,000 infections and about 95 percent of the world's deaths.

"We scrutinized this data and we believe this decline is real," said WHO outbreak expert Maria Van Kerkhove, who traveled to China as part of a team from the U.N. agency. She said the extraordinary measures taken there, including the lockdown of more than 60 million people, had a significant effect on the direction of the outbreak.

"We believe that a reduction of cases in other countries, including Italy, Korea, Iran, everywhere, that this is possible," she said.

China's ambassador to the United Nations said the country is winning its battle against COVID-19. "We are not far from the coming of the victory," Zhang Jun said.

In Japan, questions continued to build about the fate of the Olympics.

The country's Olympic minister, Seiko Hashimoto, said Japan is "making the utmost effort" to proceed with the games' opening on July 24 in Tokyo. But she told parliament that the country's contract with the International Olympic Committee specifies only that the games be held in 2020, meaning they could be postponed to later in the year if necessary.

Turkey downs Syrian fighter jet in northwest Idlib

By SUZAN FRASER and ALBERT AJI
Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkey shot down a Syrian fighter jet in Syria's Idlib province Tuesday, marking the third such incident in as many days, as steady clashes between the two national armies continued over a Russia-backed Syrian government offensive near the Turkish border.

State-run Syrian media said troops shot down a Turkish drone, keeping up a clash in the skies over the northwestern province that has gone on for days and signaled a new stage in the 9-year-old war.

Ahead of a much-anticipated summit later this week between the presidents of Turkey and Russia, the two main power brokers in Syria, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov again laid the blame for the escalation squarely on Turkey.

Russian officials have said they hold Turkey responsible for the collapse of a cease-fire agreement reached in Sochi, Russia in 2018, saying Ankara had not held up its end to rein in militants who continued attacking Syrian and Russian targets.

"The solution to the problem lies in implementing the (Sochi) agreements. They are not being implemented," Lavrov said after meeting with his Finnish counterpart Pekka Haavisto in Helsinki on Tuesday. He expressed hope that the scheduled Thursday meeting between Russian and Turkish presidents in Moscow will change the situation.

Keeping up the pressure on the battlefield, Turkey's military downed a warplane belonging to Syrian government forces – for the third time since Sunday. The Syrian military said Turkish forces targeted a warplane with a missile as it was carrying out operations against "terrorist groups" in the rebel-held Idlib region, causing it to crash northwest of the town of Maaret al-Numan. The fate of the crew was not clear.

Turkey has sent thousands of troops into Idlib to support the opposition fighters holed up there, but hasn't been able to roll back the government's advance.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has said he hopes to broker a cease-fire in Syria later this week when he meets with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow.

But the Russian-backed offensive into the country's last rebel-held area has led to increasingly frequent clashes between the Syrian and Turkish armies that have killed dozens on both sides. It has also threatened a collapse in Turkish cooperation with Moscow, a key backer of Syrian President Bashar Assad.

Turkey's Defense Ministry said one Turkish soldier was killed and nine others were wounded in an attack Tuesday, prompting Turkey's military to strike at 82 Syrian government targets in retaliation. Another soldier was killed on Monday, the ministry said. That raised to 56 the Turkish losses this month in clashes with Russian-backed Syrian forces. The death toll includes 33 Turkish soldiers killed Thursday in a single airstrike.

Tensions in Idlib rose following the Syrian strike that killed the 33 Turkish soldiers. Turkey responded with drone attacks and shelling that killed more than 90 Syrian troops and allied gunmen.

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Turkey-backed opposition fighters help a fellow fighter wounded in fighting with Syrian government forces and their allies in Sarmin, south of Idlib, Syria, on Sunday.

Trump allies in Americas block Africans' path to U.S. asylum

By PETER ORSI, GONZALO SOLANO and ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press

TAPACHULA, Mexico — President Donald Trump isn't the only world leader making it virtually impossible for many Africans to get asylum in the United States. He's getting plenty of help from allies in the Americas.

Ecuador is closing its doors as one of the few countries in North and South America to welcome African visitors, depriving them of a starting point for their dangerous journeys north by land. If asylum-seekers make it to Mexico, they face a virtual barricade near its southern border with Guatemala.

Trump's allies are blocking a path for Africans fleeing violence in their homelands as those countries face a U.S. president who has used economic leverage to get help curtailing immigration. Ecuador is pursuing a trade deal with Trump, while Mexico is trying to stay in his good graces after his threat to increase tariffs prompted its crackdown on illegal immigration last year.

People from Cameroon, who are escaping bloodshed that has killed tens of thousands, often win asylum in the U.S. even more than other Africans, but they first must reach American soil. Most are English speakers fleeing torture inflicted by a French-speaking government at war with separatists.

Dozens of them are languishing in Tapachula, a Mexican city of about 300,000 people in a coffee- and banana-growing region along the Guatemalan border.

"I can't go back to my country. I can't go forward. I'm stuck. I don't know what to do," a 25-year-old Cameroonian said recently at a guest house where he's staying and relies on handouts to eat.

The man spoke on condition of anonymity because he feared jeopardizing his immigration status in Mexico.

Trump has called asylum "a scam" and adopted several policies to reduce claims, including denying asylum to anyone who passes through another country on the way to the U.S. without seeking refuge there first. Border arrests plummeted 78 percent in January from a 13-year high in May.

While Ecuador's 2008 constitution embraces "universal citizenship" that allows almost anyone to visit, its government said in August that people from 11 countries need a visa to come, including from Cameroon and six other African nations. Twelve countries already faced visa restrictions, half of them in Africa.

Jose Valencia, Ecuador's foreign affairs minister, said the latest visa restrictions followed a detailed study of migration trends.

Elliot Spagat / AP file

Migrants in Tijuana, many from Cameroon, listen on July 28 to names being called for those who can claim asylum that day in the U.S. President Donald Trump isn't the only world leader making it virtually impossible for many Africans to get asylum in the United States. Ecuador is closing its doors as one of the few countries in North and South America to welcome African visitors, depriving them of a starting point for their dangerous journeys north by land.

"Universal citizenship is a principle that is not open to debate and not questioned in the sense that it is valid, an aspiration," he said in an interview published in El Universo newspaper. The challenge, he said, is "to avoid a regime of universal citizenship that is so open we have to be subject to threats that can affect us and third countries."

Ecuador's crackdown comes as Trump dangles a trade deal. He said he was working on it when President Lenin Moreno became the first leader of the small South American nation to meet with a U.S. president in Washington in 17 years.

Trump drew a contrast between Moreno and his leftist predecessor. "Ecuador had a very unusual outlook on life but, with your great president, he realizes how important it is to get along with the United States," Trump told reporters of Moreno.

Cameroonians won U.S. asylum in 81 percent of cases in the 2019 fiscal year, compared with 29 percent for all nationalities, according to court data analyzed by Syracuse University's Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse. Ethiopians had a 77 percent success rate; Eritreans, 67 percent and Nigerians, 58 percent.

To seek asylum in the U.S., Africans fly to South America and travel north by land, on journeys where many get robbed or die from hunger and thirst. It's faster than seeking refugee status, which has always been an extreme long shot with years of waiting – even more so now that Trump has dramatically cut the number of refugees the U.S. will take.

Bolivia, which is much farther from the U.S. than Ecuador, is the only country in the Americas that accepts people from Cameroon and Eritrea without a visa, according to the Henley Passport Index. People from Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of Congo are barred from all countries in the Americas without a visa.

English-speaking Cameroonians recently began coming to the U.S., perceiving an ally in Trump, said Alexandra Lamarche, an Africa expert at advocacy group Refugees International. Last year, the U.S. scaled back military assistance to Cameroon, a longtime ally, and Trump eliminated some trade benefits over human rights violations, including extrajudicial killings, arbitrary detention and torture.

Cameroonians also felt an affinity with the United States over a shared language, Lamarche said. Many have settled in the Washington, D.C., Dallas and Houston areas.

"Everyone had a connection," Lamarche said.

Cameroonians are desperate with nowhere to go, said Salva Lacruz of the Fray Matias de Cordova Human Rights Center in Tapachula.

Last summer, dozens of Cameroonians arrived daily in Tijuana, putting their names on a list of people waiting to be processed for U.S. asylum. Now, hardly any reach the Mexican border city.

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Denise Westfall
Deputy City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER a MNRTF GRANT APPLICATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: that the Village Council of the Village of Three Oaks will hold a public hearing during a regular meeting of the Village Council on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM** at the Village Hall, 21 N. Elm Street, Three Oaks, Michigan, 49128 to consider a proposed grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) for funding of the project titled "Watkins Park Improvements". This project is for improvements at Watkins Park (located at 411 W. Locust Street, Three Oaks, MI) which include volleyball courts, bocce ball, horseshoe pits, access pathways and ADA parking.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to encourage and receive comments and input from the Public on the proposed project and grant application.

Written comments may be sent to the Village Council in care of the Clerk at the address above at least three (3) days in advance of the hearing. The Village of Three Oaks complies with all requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and will provide assistance to any person requesting assistance consistent with the specifications of the Act. Requests for such assistance must be made to the Clerk at least three (3) days in advance of the hearing.

Cynthia E Moynihan
Village Clerk
Village of Three Oaks, MI

LEGALS

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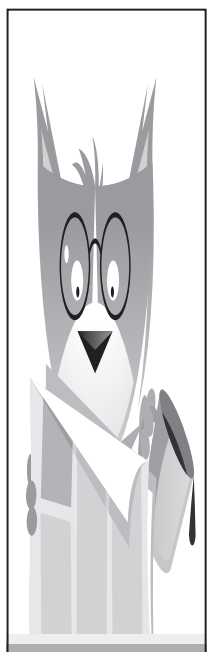

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By EUGENIA LAST

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If something worries you, take care of it, and if it's not fixable, distance yourself from it. Don't waste time complaining – do what needs to be done. Be honest and move forward.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Look for life's little pleasures and do something to ease stress and bring you comfort and joy. If you travel to a place you've never been before, it will prove enlightening.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Positive thoughts will open doors to better alternatives. A personal change will help you realize what you have to offer. Don't let your health suffer due to bad habits.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Refuse to let a small yet annoying situation get the better of you. Take time to assess whatever situation you face rationally and proceed to make a positive move.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Stand behind your word and use the power of persuasion to get others on board your train. A partnership will end up having more to offer than you imagined.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Expect the unexpected and make adjustments as you progress. Adaptability will be a prerequisite of success. Don't let your emotions interfere with your decisions or productivity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Take care of all the things you've been putting off. Don't hesitate to ask for favors or call in debts. If you look closely, you will discover something you didn't know.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Keep your life simple. Don't let troublesome situations or people get to you. Spend time taking care of business instead of blaming others for whatever doesn't go your way.

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